

Tri-Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 3rd, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Ashcraft at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Erschen, Espindola, Scheller and Ashcraft.

Absent: Elson.

Present from the public were David Cassens, Director and Norma Sidener, Assistant to the board.

Input of Agenda Items: Board-None

Public- None

Elson arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Juehne and Lindsay on Speaker Phone

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Scheller and seconded by Erschen to accept the September 1st, 2020 regular meeting minutes as amended.

Ayes: Elson (abstained), Erschen, Espindola, Scheller and Ashcraft. Abstained: Juehne, Lindsay.

A motion was made by Scheller and seconded by Elson to accept the October 6th, 2020 regular meeting as grossly amended.

Ayes: Elson, Erschen, Espindola, Juehne, Lindsay, Scheller and Ashcraft.

A motion was made by Scheller and seconded by Lindsay to accept the closed session meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: Elson, Lindsay, Scheller and Ashcraft.

Abstained: Espindola, Juehne.

Treasurer's Report: We received a notice from Mendoza. We are financially sound.

Director's Report: The Belleville News-Democrat was contacted, we only received a fifty dollar refund.

Director contacted Envisionware and they reduced our fee by seven hundred dollars.

Our self-check out terminal, installed on November 2nd, 2020, is up and running.

We returned to our normal operating hours on November 2nd with our doors open to the public at 9 a. m.

We have begun hosting programs again, limiting them to ten people. So far we have done two book club meetings. They are going well.

We have ten sign-ups for our online class offered through SIUE.

Our Food for Fun program is underway and we also have a few donations.

Statistics are attached.

Communications: We have received the Busey Bank Investment Packets and the Annual Financial statement from the Auditor. The Director is looking at finding bids for a new auditor.

A motion was made by Scheller and seconded by Espindola to accept the financial statement for the year ending June 30th, 2019.

Old Business: Scheller brought a Girl Scout Project –a way for currently enrolled scouts to get Laptops and use us as a distribution center they will fix the lap tops and will use our greenspace for pickups. They will do this on multiple dates.

We will give hand sanitizers for twenty-fifth anniversary gifts.

New Business: Cards for Kids Act: This is a new law. A minor must prove financial hardship and we have to give them a free card.

Kanopy Digital Platform- This is a movie steaming program with over thirty thousand films .It is a pay per use aspect with no upfront costs there is one price for all Kanopy use credits.

A motion was made by Scheller and seconded by Juehne to begin with a maximum of three credits for five thousand dollars per month.

Ayes: Elson Espindola, Juehne, Lindsay, Scheller. Nay: Ashcraft

A motion was made by Scheller and seconded by Elson to go into closed session according to the Open Meetings act Section 2(c) (29) for matters regarding the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Ayes: Elson, Erschen, Espindola, Juehne, Lindsay, Scheller and Ashcraft.

The board went into closed session at 9:05 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Scheller and seconded by Elson to promote Elizabeth McClure to Head of Circulation and to raise her salary to the bottom of the scale, Debbie Shrewberry will become the Liaison to the Public and continue to work at the circulation desk.

Ayes: Elson, Espindola, Juehne, Lindsay, Scheller and Ashcraft.

Announcements and Adjournment: Espindola showed us a 3D corvid virus cat toy made by the 3D machine.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.