

## **Big Rapids Community Library - Library Board Meeting**

Held in Community Room at the Big Rapids Community Library

April 13, 2023

### **1. Call to Order**

- The Library Board Meeting was called to order by Chelsea Mitchell at 5:30 pm.
- Board Members in attendance: Chelsea Mitchell, Mike Ryan, Laura Herron
- Board Members absent: Cathy Johnson and Ralph Crew
- Library Staff in attendance: Lauren Perkins (Library Director)

### **2. Reading and Approval of March Meeting Minutes**

- The March 2023 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. The report required a technical correction but no change to content.
- Mike Ryan motioned to approve the March 2023 Meeting Minutes. Laura Herron supported. All members in favor. Minutes were approved.

### **3. Correspondence and Communication**

#### **4. Public Comment**

- Library Patron from Colfax Township
  - Recommends adjusting the non-resident fee and had questions about township contracts.

### **5. Report of the Library Director**

- Discussed implications of Townships not renewing contracts with Library of Michigan's Joe Hamlin who oversees State Aid. He strongly advocates that libraries NOT take penal fine only contracts and advised that it would not change our library class level (Class 4 Libraries: serve 12,000 - 25,999) and would potentially leave us only \$2000 less in State Aid.
- Communication about the Wanda Turner Revocable Trust. Signed and returned the paperwork.
- Outreach to Brookside Family Night and classrooms during March is Reading Month.

- Computer Classes with Connected Nation – 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding allows us to offer them again.
- Naloxone Distribution Box has been placed in the lobby.
- Donation in memory of Diane Turner Lentz in the amount of \$725 to be used for children’s books.
- Planning Playground ribbon-cutting for mid-June. Inviting the Library Board, Friends of the Library, Donors to attend.
- Seed Library 2023 is open, featured article in the Pioneer. A patron loaned a small replica of a greenhouse for display.
- Chevy in the Hole, Author Visit by Kelsey Ronan – Press Release and article in the Pioneer.
- Capital projects – Water line and drinking fountain will be installed in the playground with a spigot for the future Community Garden space in May. GFWC/Eagle Scout are working on the Community Garden boxes. The front steps are scheduled to be replaced in the fall and the library will need to be closed for a few days for those renovations.

Upcoming Programs:

**Mental Health First Aid Training on April 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30-4:30**

**Tuesdays in May at 10:30 am - Baby Bookworms – for 0-18 months**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Author Visit with Kelsey Ronan**

**Wizard of Oz Puppet Show at Bandshell: July 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

### **Old/Unfinished Business**

- Township Contracts discussion to clarify incorrect information.

### **6. New Business**

- Discussion of resources for Trustees – United for Libraries, Trustee Manual, Short Takes for Trustees videos.
- Overview of Libby as a library resource.

### **7. Unscheduled Business**

### **8. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 pm.

### **9. Adjournment**

- Chelsea Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.