

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m.
Present: President Frank Sosnowski, Harper Woods
Treasurer Mary Beth Kane, Harper Woods
Trustee Veronica Salciccioli, Harper Woods
Director Kristen Valyi-Hax, Harper Woods
Absent: Vice President Eric Walton, Trustee Elizabeth Campion
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Mary Beth Kane made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Veronica Salciccioli. Voice vote: Sosnowski – Aye, Kane – Aye, Salciccioli – Aye. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: February 18, 2021 – Veronica Salciccioli noted a correction in staff reports. Veronica Salciccioli made a motion to approve the corrected minutes, seconded by Mary Beth Kane. Voice vote: Salciccioli – Aye, Kane – Aye, Sosnowski – Aye. Motion carried.
4. Reports
 - A. Board President’s Report – Frank Sosnowski has regularly visited the library or spoken on the phone with Kristen. All is going well.
 - B. Treasurer’s Report – Submitted on paper.
 - C. Staff Reports – Submitted on paper. Kristen Valyi-Hax reported that she will be out of the office from March 29 – April 2, returning to work on April 5. She also shared an email from Mary Kingston, who asked about the library’s plans to return to allowing events in the building. She responded to Mrs. Kingston stating that the library is not yet planning to return to in-person programs. Even the library’s summer reading program will have outdoor events. She is hopeful that the Friends of the Library’s Artisan Market will be able to be held in November.
5. Ongoing Business
 - A. COVID-19 Update
 1. Vaccinations – As of the date of the meeting, nearly all of the staff have been fully or partially vaccinated.
 2. Occupancy & Gathering – Due to recent MDHHS Order, the library is now able to have 50% capacity, which is 54 people, including staff. We are still required to maintain social distancing and have people wear masks.
 3. Virtual/In-Person Meetings – Based on recent information from the state of MI, unless there is an emergency order by a city or county, virtual meetings will end as of March 31. Thanks to the new orders, 25 people may attend in-person events but social distancing and masking requirements are still in place. Kristen is going to contact the city’s attorney to see if the library board can begin having meetings in person. The

board meets after the library closes, they meet upstairs so there is room to social distance, and very few people ever attend the meetings.

B. Library Board Manuals – Kristen received a spiral-bound copy of the Library of Michigan’s 2021 Trustee Manual for the library board. She will also print out and create a binder containing information for the Library Board.

6. New Business

A. InterWorks: New Wifi Drop – As part of the CARES Act, the library received a grant to improve access to patrons. The library would like to have an additional wifi drop so that the signal is stronger out in the parking lot. This will allow residents who don’t have wifi at home access the internet in the library’s parking lot. She coordinated with the Suburban Library Cooperative to get a quote from the company that SLC works with on its library networks. A proposal from InterWorks was given in the amount of \$859 for the work. Mary Beth Kane made a motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Veronica Saliccioli. Voice vote: Kane – Aye, Saliccioli – Aye, Sosnowski – Aye. Motion carried.

7. Call to Board – Frank Sosnowski asked whether the library ever had requested getting NARCAN, in case of opioid overdoses at the library. Kristen said that she would follow up with the Director of Public Safety.

- Veronica Saliccioli asked what the library had done in the wake of the controversy with the Dr. Seuss books that had been pulled from publication. Kristen stated that the library only had 4 copies of 3 of the books. All of the books are checked out except 1. All of the copies will be checked out to our Story Time user and kept off the shelf until the controversy dies down a bit. Some people are checking out multiple copies of the same title, possibly to try to sell on eBay.

- Councilwoman Lyons is working with the library to film individuals reading stories for National Reading Month. Frank Sosnowski and Veronica Saliccioli would like to participate. Mary Beth Kane has already read a story and will contact Councilwoman Lyons.

8. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:05p.m. by Frank Sosnowski.

cc: Members, City Administrator

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Submitted by:

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B. Kristen Valyi-Hax, Director

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