

Minutes of the Ellsworth Public Library board of Trustees

January 18, 2024/ 6:30 PM /

ATTENDEE

Sarah Lesko, Craig MacDonald, Kathleen Cravens, Kristin Onos

Judith Lyles, Rain Perez all via Zoom

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Craig MacDonald at 6:30 pm.

Public Comment: No public present as we were on Zoom

Consent Agenda

- Friends of the Library REPORT
- Director's Report
- Minutes of November 15, 2023 meeting
- Financial Reports and Planning
- Building and Grounds Report

A motion was made by Kristin and seconded by Judith to approve the consent agenda and motion carried. Craig thanked Sarah for all the increased activities and attendance at the library. This was also echoed by everyone else applauding all the creativity and networking and hours Sarah is putting in.

Friends of the Library Report

Hibernation Book sale is next week on Friday 1/25 and Saturday 1/26

Unfinished Business

- **Sarah reported that** the estimate to replace the facets in the bathrooms is approximately \$600.00. City Maintenance will do the

installation. We unanimously approve the expenditure. She also reports that she will be meeting with Wendy from Details to find appropriate flooring for the foyer.

- DEBIT CARD IS SET UP AND WILL HAVE OUR QUARTERLY \$400.00 interest placed in it. Sarah will provide a monthly balance on this account.

NEW Business

- Annual appeal to date is \$34,894 which is more than last year at this time. We are very grateful for the community support.

Kristin reports on a conversation she had recently with Lesile Harlow regarding a Library of Things. Leslie is asking if we would consider exploring carrying seasonal recreational gear etc for loan via some sort of library membership/ rental fee. We discuss the pros and cons of this and agree that it is worth further exploration and discussion. Sarah will meet with Leslie to discuss liability, storage business plan and overall viability of this idea at this particular time. Some of the discussion points include: cleaning and storage of gear, need for increased staffing staff to manage it, liability, exploring partnership with others in the community such as Cadillac Mountain Sports.

- Sarah discussed a need for a Storm Protocol. We agreed she makes the call whether to stay open and close and notifies us by Email.
- Budget 2025 :Sarah is working on it but some limitations are making it difficult. The payroll has not been updated since September. She is working with Anne from accounting to get the necessary updates.

Executive session per MRSA Title 1, Chapter13,Sec406,Paragraph 6A to discuss employment matters

Entered 7:20 exit 7:36

DECISIONS, Action Items and Next Steps

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 Next Meeting February 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Respectively submitted,

Kathleen Cravens, Secretary