

Berne Public Library Trustees meeting of Sept. 10, 2020 held at Berne Town Park

Present: Marion Burghart, Chuck Batcher, Becky Waldenmaier, Lisa Raymond, Emilie Wright, Ted Borys

Absent: JoAnne Brady

Also present: Kathy Stempel, library director

Call to order at 6:33

Secretary's report- August 13, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Emilie to accept the secretary's report, Ted was the second. Motion carried. Lisa abstained.

Treasurer's report-written report attached

Deposit was \$97.25 after money for postage was deducted from the cash collected.

Still awaiting final construction grant payment.

Income and expense report looks like the budget is over \$5000 in the red, but that is because construction money was spent this year that had been received in previous years.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Lisa and Becky was the second. Motion carried.

Payment of bills- (see attached schedule)

There is an additional \$52.50 on the UHLS payment that was received after the report was printed.

NYLA donation- Kathy donated \$5, which could not be done separately from the rest of the payment, so she will reimburse the amount of the personal donation.

Motion by Marion to pay the bills, Emilie was the second. Motion carried.

Committee reports-

Personnel-(Becky, Missy and Chuck) no meeting

Finance- (Ted, Marion, Emilie and Kathy(advisory) Audits and proposed 2021 budget were completed.

Policies- (Lisa and JoAnne) no meeting

Inventory-no meeting

Aesthetics-no meeting

COVID- Director would like to wait until after school reopens to see how that goes and if there is an increase in cases before moving to level D-2

Old Business-

Water- questions about what the status of the project is with the school and whether library water is included. Should the water at the library be tested again? Cooperative Extension is currently testing water and it might be possible to test the water in the other well that is not connected to the house. Kathy inquired at the Town Board meeting about testing.

Electrical-Requested a quote from Franzen to run the electrical under the parking lot, which would make it possible to have the entire job done by one entity rather than splitting between the Town installing to the shed and someone else doing the wiring inside the shed, which might be difficult to coordinate.

COVID-If school reopening goes successfully then the board will discuss moving to the next level. Kathy was going to use bowl covers to cover the computer mice, but it might be too inconvenient.

Fencing- the old foundation is where the fence posts need to go, so it needs to be removed before they can finish.

Parking lot- no movement in getting it swept and sealed.

Grant- have not heard whether the final report was accepted.

Inventory- circulating items have been inventoried and non-circulating items are in process.

New Business-

2021 Budget- No salary increase requested, 1.5% decrease in Agency grant from Town of Berne and a reduction in request from Knox also.

Motion by Lisa to accept the 2021 budget proposal and Emilie was the second. Motion carried.

Friends- No lasagna dinner this year. Photography contest categories for 2021 are: All You Need is Love; Food, Glorious Food; 2020; and Architecture. Delayed membership drive is happening now. Recognition for the beautiful library gardens was awarded to Ann Hein.

Manager's Report-

Teen stress kits are being provided which include Advance Reader Copies of books as well as other items.

Take and Make kits are proving popular.

A Home-Schooling section is being created in the library.

20% has been cut from State Aid to the Central Library

Libraries are looking at improving the diversity of their collections.

Community Hike on September 20 at 1:00 at Switzkill Farm.

Blanket Movie- working on arranging an outdoor movie, but changing it from a drive-in.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa, Ted was the second. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Burghart
Secretary