

Jean Waterloo Lenox Township Library
Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Daniel VanDeKerkhove.
- II. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Adrienne Hilmon, Pat Bruen, Daniel VanDeKerkhove, Melanie Cochrill and Beth Oakley
 - b. Absent: John Notte
 - c. Staff: Beth Bogaert
 - d. Visitor: Ken Thompson (arrived @ 7:00 pm)
- III. Motion by Pat to approve the agenda. Seconded by Melanie and approved unanimously.
- IV. Public comments on agenda items: None.
- V. Secretary's report:
 - a. Motion to approve the March 21st minutes by Melanie and seconded by Beth O. Approved unanimously.
- VI. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Adrienne. Motion seconded by Melanie and approved unanimously.
 - b. Motion to approve payment of bills by Pat, seconded by Melanie and approved unanimously.
- VII. Director's Report:
 - a. Library Happenings:
 1. The Easter Party was a success with 65 people in attendance.
 2. The library was inundated with requests for solar glasses on the day of the eclipse. 200 pairs were handed out that day with a total of 400 pairs provided for the public. 45 people attended the Eclipse Party.
 3. Two local authors will be visiting in May to do special evening story times. Linda Carlson visits on May 7th and Lauren Richeson will be on May 21st. Both story times start at 5:30 pm.

4. The Bay Voice published an article regarding the building expansion and the building committee. The article was released in the April 17th print issue and online on April 12th.

b. Hoopla:

1. The digital service that Beth B. is exploring. She wants to make sure it serves the needs of our constituency in a fiscally responsible manner.

VIII. President's Report

a. Old Business

- 1) Since procuring the Harms' property we have a fridge, stove, washer and dryer that were left behind. The gas and electricity have been turned off, but the water is still on. Beth B. will check to see if there is a community agency that can accept the appliances for a family in need.

- 2) Daniel reported that the Seifferlein family sounds receptive to selling the vacant land adjacent to the library property.

- 3) We will sign the listing agreement with Anton and Sowerby as soon as we can resolve the issue of any money that may be due Lombardo relating to the construction of the road between the subdivision and Gratiot.

- 4) The drop box has been repaired at a cost of \$200.

b. New Business:

- 1) We have a partial list of community members interested in serving on the Expansion Exploration Committee. Board is in agreement that the committee should include 2 school age members. We will be voting on this at the next meeting.

- 2) Beth O. has set up a Spring Clean Up Day for May 11th. It was moved by Daniel and seconded by Melanie to approve no more than \$1000 for mulch and other items needed for the project. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Suggested for the Library of Things: Karaoke machine and happy birthday sign.

- 4) Beth O. mentioned that she knows of an Eagle Scout who is looking for a project to earn his badge.

IX. Public Comments /Announcements:

- a) Ken Thompson mentioned concern about making sure we obtain a release from the Lombardo organization for any obligation regarding construction of the road. He is agreeable to approaching Mr. Lombardo once we research the wording in the original purchase agreement.
- b) The memorial for Jean Waterloo will be held on Thursday, June 13th between 2 and 4 pm. It was suggested that we commit to planting a tree in her honor that will be planted after our expansion plans are finalized.

X Our next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

XI. Motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm by Melanie. Seconded by Adrienne and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Bruen

Pat Bruen, Secretary