Reed City Area District Library Board Meeting

June 6, 2023 6 p.m.

829 S. Chestnut Street Reed City, MI 49677

Present:

Lyndsey Eccles, President, Reed City

Kylene Nix, Treasurer, Reed City

Bette Newell, Secretary. Lincoln Township

Laura Dahlquist, Trustee, Richmond Township

Shay Thompson, Trustee, Richmond Township

Irene Balowski, Liaison, Green Township

Melissa Rohen, Director

Brian Ford, Assistant Director

Chuck Smalley, Grant Township Board

Dan Burchett, Citizen

Absent:

Melissa Tonn, Trustee, Lincoln Township

1. Call to Order and Attendance

 The meeting was called to order by L. Eccles at 6:01 p.m. and attendance was noted by B. Newell.

2. Approval of Agenda

 A motion was made by B. Newell and seconded by K. Nix to approve the agenda as presented. It passed.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

 A motion was made by S. Thompson and seconded by L. Dahlquist to approve the consent agenda as presented, consisting of the May 2, 2023 minutes, May 2023 expenses and Financial Statements as of 4/30/2023, and also to amend the general agenda, moving up item 7, ongoing business to follow Citizen’s Comment. It passed.

4. Citizen’s Request and/or comments

 M. Rohen reported she has received many favorable comments about the landscaping update. L. Dahlquist reported she had connected with the Senior Center in Hersey about some possible collaboration in the future.

8. Ongoing Business

 A. The corrected L-4029 was presented for signature. The name of the library was incorrect on the one presented last month.

 B. Grant and Green Township discussion-M. Rohen reviewed the conversation she had with Clare Mebiela, Law Consultant with the Library of Michigan. The consensus of the Board was to offer access to Grant and Green townships for receipt of their penal fines under a set time frame, during which they would place the offer of being a member of the RCADL on their ballots. Details of this offer will be revisited at our next meeting. Chuck Smalley from Grant Township stated he would report this back to his Board.

5. Board President Comments

 None

6. Standing Committee Reports

 A. Budget and Finance-meeting set for June 15, 2023 at 3 p.m. A special meeting to approve the budget for the upcoming year was tentatively set for June 26 or 27 at 3 p.m. Actual date to be decided.

 B. Digital Sign Committee-K. Nix and L. Eccles are working on a grant from TC Energy towards the purchase of the sign. K. Nix reported a conversation with a friend of the library who might be interested in contributing towards the purchase of a new sign.

 C. Building Committee-M. Rohen reported on the meeting that was held by the committee. K. Nix will powerwash the north side of the building to see if it is effective in removing the mold on the outside of the building. She will also try to remove the graffiti on the front of the building. M. Tonn will be contacted for the possible name of someone who could do tuck pointing on the building. A sign for the front of the building, where one had previously been placed, was discussed and also the possible removal of the Velcro in this spot.

 D. Strategic Plan Meeting- will not be scheduled until later this summer or early fall.

 E. Millage Committee-B.Newell will contact M. Tonn to make sure that the millage meeting is cleared to be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on June 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Shirley Brursema will be attending this meeting. Board Members are encouraged to bring members of the community to this meeting to discuss the passing of the upcoming millage.

 F. HR Committee- did not meet. Will set meeting to discuss the evaluation tool for M. Rohen’s upcoming evaluation.

 G. Parade (Evergreen Festival) Committee-B. Newell reported that the theme for this year’s parade is A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS.

 H. Ad Hoc Committee for Crossroads Celebration- although no distinct committee was formed, several members expressed inclination to help with this and several ideas were brought forward, including water bottle with library branded koozie, story walk downtown, book sale, and crafts.

7. Director’s report

 The full text of the director’s report is on file at the library, and also on the website under meetings, and then Board Packet.

9. New Business

 None

10. Board Dynamics

 None

11. Citizen’s Comment

 None

12. Adjournment

 A motion was made by B. Newell and seconded by L. Dahlquist to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette Newell, Secretary, RCADL Board Secretary

Next meeting of the RCADL Board of Trustees to be held July 11, 2023 in the community room of the RCADL at 6 p.m.