Franklin Public Library

Board Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2023

1. Call to order by Kate Barron, Vice President, at 6:32 pm.
2. **Roll Call**: Members Present: Rick David, Kate Barron, Katy Hagaman, Robin Rosen, and Janice Cherkasky (Absent: Sue Stevens)
3. **Approve Agenda**: The agenda was distributed. Robin Rosen motioned to move Item 9 to Item 5 as she had to leave early for a prior engagement. Agenda as updated, was proposed, seconded, and approved.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes as distributed by the secretary were reviewed, seconded, and approved.
5. **Maintenance:** Update from Robin
   1. Robin has contracted a local handyman to fix the wooden railings, refinish the wooden doors, power wash the covers on the outdoor furniture, repair and repaint the metal banister on the front steps, and sand and seal the wood furniture and bridges.
   2. Mr. Juarez, contracted landscaper, will continue to maintain the gutters to prevent water intrusion in the basement.
   3. Robin reported that the new hours sign was hung outside at the door leading to the reading garden.
   4. Robin discussed the need to secure the bike rack so that is stays in the proper location as the village moves it when they are maintaining the lawn.
   5. Robin and Teresa discussed the need for additional furniture in the Reading Garden. Teresa proposed that this might be a good opportunity to work with the Friends of the Franklin Library and the Board was in agreement.
   6. Robin and Teresa will brainstorm a list of possible furniture additions and present possibilities and options to the Board at a later meeting.
6. **New Business**:
   1. Discuss adding a sprinkler system to the flower beds
      1. The flower beds currently have a drip system. The Board discussed the value of a sprinkler system in the flower beds versus the current drip system. Robin will get a quote for the sprinklers and present it to the Board at a later meeting for discussion.

7. **Old Business:**

1. Susan and Rick will present the Strategic Plan to the Village council on June 12th. Additionally, the finalized plan will be shared with the Friends of the Franklin Library and distributed through the E-newsletter and social media.

2. Octoberfest will be held on October 6, 2023.

3. The Franklin Historical Society will be hosting several events to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Village of Franklin, beginning around March/April 2024 and extending through the following March/April 2025. The Board discussed the importance of being a part of the celebration activities.

8. **Treasurer’s Report:** Rick David

1. The Treasurer shared with the Board the multiple avenues in which the library is funded, including penal fines from Oakland County which have been decreasing over time.

2. The Treasurer also notified the Board that the new fiscal year begins on July 1st, therefore the budget for the upcoming year will have to be approved before that deadline.

3. The Treasurer presented the monthly financial report to the Board. The report was seconded and approved.

9. **Librarian’s Report:** Teresa Natzke

1. Teresa Natzke presented her monthly library report which included some matters which will be considered in the preparation of the 2023-2024 budget.

2. Additionally, Teresa proposed that the Board consider adopting a new logo for use on various library related materials ie. stationary, t-shirts, book bags, etc. The discussion will be moved to the agenda for the June meeting and will be further explored at that time.

10. **Public Comments:** None.

11. Adjournment was proposed at 7:31 pm.

The next monthly meeting will be held on June 8, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katy Hagaman, Secretary