

COLEMAN AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING January 17, 2023

The January Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Coon, Middleton, Scott, Robison, Anthony and Director Nelson.

Absent: Tigner.

There were no Public Comments.

MINUTES: Motion by Anthony, 2nd by Scott to approve the Minutes for the December Budget Hearing and the Annual Meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Robison, 2nd by Coon to approve the December Treasurer's Report. All yes. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by Coon, 2nd by Middleton to pay the Bills. All yes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Inner Door Repair: About ten days ago, the brass door handle on the door to the inner lobby came off as I was closing up that Saturday. Inspection of the handle showed that the screws, which were also brass, sheared off. We ordered non-brass screws, etc., and Andrew Gross made repairs this past weekend.

AARP Tax Appointments: the first two dates are filled and the next two are mostly filled. There are still plenty of appointments open later in the season. The first shipments of IRS and Michigan forms arrived in the last few days.

State Aid Report: I submitted the state aid report last Friday and received a confirmation that it had arrived. As we made the move in circulation systems a year ago in October, we had to use three systems to gather stats, including the MEL system.

Current Tax Payments: I have received 2 tax payments from all three entities, so things are on track.

Programs: Trivia Night was a success with 37 people attending, including staff. There were 4 kids, 15 adults and 18 teens. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the pizza was a big hit. The event lasted about an hour and a half.

On February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, we will host our second escape room event. This mystery is based on a Sherlock Holmes theme. There are still plenty of time slots available.

Midland Area Community Foundation: I received a check in the amount of \$1,827.20, to reimburse the library for building maintenance expenses for the year 2022.

Melcat Update: Amy found statistics on Melcat for the year 2022. More than a million items were requested statewide last year. Of that amount, 958,000 were fulfilled. Some aren't fulfilled because MEL doesn't place holds on materials that are already in circulation. August was the busiest month with 98,567 requests. The most requested book for 2022 was "Where the Crawdad's Sing" by Delia Owens. The biggest lender and borrower was Capital Area District Library in Lansing.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion by Scott, 2nd by Coon to adjourn. All yes. Motion carried.

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acting secretary
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