

COLEMAN AREA LIBRARY BOARD BUDGET HEARING -- DECEMBER 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Tigner

Presentation and discussion of the proposed 2024 Cost Center Budget in the amount of \$ 246, 745.00 and a revised 2023 Cost Center Budget in the amount of \$ 239,617.00 (amended from \$253,785.00). This change reflects the fact that the roof was not in need of repair this year, as we initially thought.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Coon, 2nd by Strong to close the Budget Hearing. All yes. Motion carried.

COLEMAN AREA LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING-- DECEMBER 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Absent: Tigner

Public Comments: None

Reports:

MINUTES: Motion by Coon, 2nd by Middleton to approve the November 21, 2023 Minutes. All yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Anthony, 2nd by Scott to approve the November Treasurer's Report. All yes. Motion carried.

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

*Nancy Robison
Secretary 12-29-23*

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Budget: Motion by Middleton, 2nd by Scott to adopt the revised 2023 cost center budget in the amount of \$ 239,617.00 and the proposed 2024 cost center budget in the amount of \$246,745.00. All yes. Motion carried.

Proposed Wage scale for 2024: Motion by Coon, 2nd by Scott to adopt the proposed wage scale for 2024, to begin the first full pay period of 2024. All yes. Motion carried.

	Current 2023	Proposed 2024
	2023	2024
Gale Nelson	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.30
Cathrine Sasse	\$ 16.75	\$ 16.90
Shirley Cozat	\$ 11.75	\$ 12.05
Amy Comber Gross	\$ 15.10	\$ 15.75
Wendy Gross	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.50
Madalyn Scott	\$ 11.25	\$ 11.55
Kelly Huss	\$ 11.25	\$ 11.55
Hannah Karl	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.55
Ashlynn Rice	\$ 10.10	\$ 10.40
	\$ 117.65	\$ 120.55

Election of Officers: The following slate of officers for 2024 was proposed by Scott and seconded by Middleton:

Chairman-----Nancy Robison

Vice Chairman----- Thomas Coon

Treasurer-----Maureen Middleton

Secretary-----Greta Tigner

Trustee-----Nettie Scott

Trustee-----Linda Anthony

All yes. Motion carried.

Oath of Office: It was suggested that all public libraries adopt an Oath of Office for their trustees. The following was proposed and adopted, swore in and signed at the December 19, 2023 Annual Meeting by Robison, Coon, Middleton, Scott, and Anthony. Tigner was sworn in on December 20, 2023. All yes. Motion carried:

Coleman Area Library Trustee Oath of Office

“I do solemnly affirm that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State Of Michigan, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Member of the Board of Trustees of the Coleman Area Library, according to the best of my ability.”

_____ Date _____

Designation of Banking Authority: Motion to designate Huntington Bank (Beaverton Branch) as our financial institution for the year 2024:
Ayes: 4. Nays: 1. Motion carried.

Designation of Monthly Board Meeting: Motion by Middleton, by Robison to designate the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as the regularly scheduled library board meeting and time. All yes. Motion carried

Contributions: Nancy Jones, a former Coleman resident, made a donation of \$1500.00 to the library late last month. It will be divided between large print, downloadable and programming.

Christmas Escape Room—Update: The three-day event saw 33 adults, 3 teens and 22 children participate. They all solved the riddles and puzzles, with some nudging, within the 30 minutes.

Home-school Group, LEAP met the first Friday of December and the topic was snow. They made igloos, snowflakes and worked with snow paint made from Elmer's Glue and shaving cream. Eight adults and 12 children attended the program. It was a very manageable number.

Story Hour with Santa: On December 14th between 5:00 p.m and 6:30 p.m., Santa (Ron Schweigert) made an appearance and read "The Night Before Christmas" and took selfies with the children. Children were able to create a couple of Christmas crafts with Kelly from Headstart as they waited and were served cookies and cocoa. Twenty-six children, 6 teens and 19 adults took part in the festivities. We re-arranged the furniture from the escape room and it made an excellent backdrop for Santa photos. Everyone seemed to love it.

Upcoming Programs—Puzzle Night on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 5:30. Soup and snacks will be provided for the participants.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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