

COLEMAN AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FEBRUARY 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m

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

Absent: Tigner

Public Comments: None

Minutes: Motion by Middleton, 2nd by Coon to approve the January Minutes. All yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Scott, 2nd by Middleton to approve the January Treasurer's Report. All yes. Motion carried.

Bills: Motion by Coon, 2nd by Scott to pay the February Bills. All yes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Universal Services Grant—We are applying for another Universal Services e-rate grant to offset some of our telecommunications costs. If successful, it will cut our Sprint bill by 90%. Our estimated 2023 expenses should total \$ 839.76 and the grant should cover \$ 755.78 of these costs.

Technology Grant—MMLC is again offering a \$11,000.00 technology grant to offset RIDES, VLC Membership, Hotspot Service Plans, Envisionware, Zoom Contracts and more. Each year, we must come up with a new initiative and this year Amy thought we could establish a circulating STEM kit collection and also create flyer or postcard geared to new patrons.

New Computers—The library recently received 4 new computers from CSD-G for the staff. Nick has them up and running with new software, etc.

MMLC Membership update—Flint Library System will be leaving the co-op shortly and joining a co-op that covers the Detroit area. MMLC dropped its programming services and that was a big draw for Flint. For them, it was popular and a cost-saver, enough for them to seek out this service from another co-op.

Programming Update—The Sherlock Holmes locked room event drew 31 participants—22 Adults and 9 children. Everyone finished within the 30-minute time frame, but we did give hints to each group. We had a lot of fun setting up the room and scrounging for props. The snow/ice days a week earlier did affect participation to some extent, as some students had to cancel as they were making up practices and games, etc.

Easter Egg Hunt —We will be participating in the 8th Annual scavenger hunt on Saturday April 8th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The weather was nice year and 90 children stopped in.

Pilcrow Grant/Arthell Haggerty Memorial—We will be applying for the Pilcrow Children's Grant again this year. Previously, a library was only eligible every third year. It became an annual grant either last year or this year. Pilcrow will match up to \$400.00 on a two- to- one basis. We have already received more than that amount from Arthell Haggerty's memorial. Pilcrow indicated this would be an acceptable source for the match if our request is approved. We would choose books from a curated list they supply. The remainder of Arthell's memorial will be used to purchase large print books.

Update on Wendy—Wendy started back to work on a limited basis earlier this month in time to fill in for our Sherlock Holmes Escape room. At present, I'm trying not to work her more than 4 hours at a time. She is still doing physical therapy and seems to be coming along quite well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on State Minimum Wage. The Michigan courts have not ruled on the latest Minimum wage scale. I believe it is being contested. I think it will be tied up in court for a few months.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Nancy Robinson, Secretary
3-9-23