

COLEMAN AREA LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES April 17, 2024

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

Present: Scott, Middleton, Robison, and Director Nelson. Guests, Amy Comber Gross, Hannah Karl and Wendy Gross.

Absent: Coon, Tigner & Anthony

Minutes: Motion by Anthony, 2nd by Middleton to adopt the March 2024 Minutes. All yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Middleton, 2nd by Scott to adopt the March 2024 Treasurer's Report. All yes. Motion carried.

Bills: Motion by Scott, 2nd by Middleton to Pay the Bills. All yes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Money-Smart Program: Two classes of third graders, totaling 55 students attended the program. A representative from the Dow Credit Union read a children's themed money management book and in the community room the library set up a "Store" where children were given \$25.00 in play money and allowed to purchase stickers of their choice to decorate a piggy bank. The credit union provided knapsacks, frisbees and other goodies for the children.

The **Maker-Space and Digitization lab** has had 23 people make use of it since it opened.

Easter Programming Update: There were 11 entries in the Peeps diorama contest and the Easter Egg scavenger hunt drew in 100 kids, 78 adults and 3 staff for a total of 183 participating.

The Summer Reading Program will begin on June 1. This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Wendy has contacted several businesses and been successful in her request for donations.

I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the **Coleman Postsecondary Hub** at the Coleman Community Center. Delta College, MMCC, and SVSU will have advisors on different days of the week to provide assistance in such areas as

Financial Aid advising and form completion, Social Services form completion, GED preparation, Literacy skills and English as a second language services. There were approximately 50 people in attendance from Coleman and Midland.

The **"LEAP Homeschool Club"** will have their final event of the school year on May 3rd. The theme is a science fair and we hope to get several entries. The final **"Comet Club"** book totes will go out in early May, as well. Each month we check out 110 children's books to third graders and 3 daycare rooms at the Coleman Family Center, providing them with a free, rotating collection.

Grant Updates: Amy was notified that we will receive \$2500 from the **Michigan Humanities Grant** that may be used for programs, incentives and payroll for staff involved in this project. We will hear in Mid-May if we will be awarded a **Dollar General Grant** for the Summer Reading Program.

New online catalog system/website will be available soon and Amy has been assisting VLC with the extensive "staff validation" process to prepare the new system. The new system will allow our patrons to again have access to a Mobile App for the library. Staff training will begin in about a week, after VLC releases training videos.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Scott, 2nd by Middleton. All yes. Motion carried.

*Gale Nelson,
acting secretary
4-17-24*