

COLEMAN AREA LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES August 15, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Motion by Scott, 2nd by Middleton to approve the July 18, 2023 Minutes. All yes. Motion carried

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Middleton, 2nd by Scott to approve the July 2023 Treasurer's Report. All yes. Motion carried.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Summer Reading Program Final Report: The children read a total of 1928 books this year. Our Penny Guess winner was Elissa Hoggard, with a guess of 2005. The library hosted 19 events during the program with 157 children, 11 teens and 146 adults in attendance, totaling 314 individuals. There was a 30 % increase in participation this summer. My best count indicates that 37 active children were first time participants. Top readers for Pre-K were Emmalyn and Jolene Williams with 126 books each. Top reader in K thru 6th was Amara Flansburgh with 176 books. Top teen reader was Ryan Whitmore with 22 books. This year children were also encouraged to read downloadable books as well as hard copy volumes. Many families chose to do both. We had an adult reading program and Jennifer Robinson was the top reader with 12 books.

E-Rate Deposit: This year instead of a monthly discount on our phone bill, our E-Rate discount was direct deposited into our checking account. It totaled \$656.49. This discounts the phone bill by approximately 80%.

PILOT payment received from the City: We received our P.I.L.O.T. payment recently and it totaled \$58.37.

Nancy Robinson
Secretary
8-17-23

GENEVA TWP. DELINQUENT TAX: The delinquent tax from Geneva Twp. was received in the amount of \$ 3558.53.

PENAL FINES: Midland County Penal fines came in yesterday in the amount of \$ 6489.66. It was an increase of approximately \$500.00 over last year's payment.

"MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOKS" from the Library of Michigan: Last week the library received books on Michigan History, important personages and also novels and children's book by Michigan authors. Each library was able to select however many books the wanted from a list of 40 titles. I chose 22 and received 19. All were recent publications.

MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS: In the past month Andrew Gross has made several small repairs at the library, including the vacuum, the electric pencil sharpener, the thermostat and the light switch in the breakroom. Mike and Kelly Huss also re-painted the parking lot lines for the library earlier this month.

HARRISON LIBRARY MOVE: On Monday, August 14th, Amy helped Harrison library move their entire collection from their current location to what was formerly the Heritage House, a block away. Their staff and volunteers made the move in approximately 7 hours. Amy and her partner Cheryl moved 9,000 books themselves from the shelves onto carts.

Letter from Midand County Drain Commissioner: I received a letter from the drain commissioner notifying the library of an impending drain assessment on the library, which would appear on the winter tax roll. As we are untaxable, I am not sure if we are exempt from this or not.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: We will be having an in-service day on Thursday, September 28th, from 9 to 5 for MEL (Michigan Electronic Library) training. An instructor from the Library of Michigan will come to show us some of the new innovations. Motion by Anthony, 2nd by Coon to approve the training and the closure for that day. All yes. Motion carried.

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