

COLEMAN AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING September 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m.

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

Absent: Middleton

MINUTES: Motion by Anthony, 2nd by Coon to adopt the August Minutes. All yes. Motion carried.

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

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

New hire—Ashlynn Rice-Bullard is working out well. She's a junior in high school and homeschooled, so her schedule is pretty flexible.

Edenville's contract payment came in this week totaling \$2,174.44, about \$150.00 more than I anticipated originally.

We received a contribution from **Huhtamaki** of \$1,000.00. I plan on using the gift to offset some of the Overdrive expenses.

Homeschoolers began meeting at the library on the first Friday of the month. Our first meeting drew 25 people—mothers and children. There was a short presentation, a story and craft. It was a good way for the parents to network and for the children to mix. Most are pre-schoolers through 5th graders. Library of Michigan "Michigan Notable Books"

Back to School Openhouse: Amy and Hannah set up a "Booth" at the Elementary School the day before school started, along with other community organizations, to introduce themselves to school age families and pass out information. We had a book bag stuffed with children's books as a drawing gift. Children had to guess the number of erasers in a container to win. They figured there were 250 to 300 people there.

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Amy represented the library in Coleman's **Walk Through Town** activities during Homecoming on September 15th. Entities set up booths and tables downtown and she had information on library cards and Libby for prospective patrons. Several people asked about cards and she helped others set up Libby accounts.

Good Neighbor Day will be held at the Coleman Community Center from 1:00 to 6:00, highlighting local organizations and how they may work together at times to service the community. Amy will have a table with flyers, a book giveaway, etc.

Comet Book Tote resumed this month and we are providing 20 books each month to two third grade classes and two day care classes at the Community Center.

We got a new shipment of **Covid test kits** last week and we are seeing an uptick in requests for the test these past few weeks.

Meeting room activities: In addition to the Homeschoolers meeting, we have used the community room for Coleman Senior Citizens card playing, when their center had to close early and for a second card craft class last week. The cards are nice, but the "presenter" wants to schedule more events than I am willing to, as we have paid her for each event and the last one only drew 3 people. Partly, that was because it fell during Spirit Week, but she has ideas on how she wants the classes to go that conflict with our own programming ideas.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Coon has an electrician in mind for our outside lighting issues that formerly worked for Coleman Electric. Calkins Electric still hasn't shown up and it's been 5 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

I forgot to mention that next Thursday will be our in-service day, with hours 10 to 4. We will have a MEL training day with an instructor from the Library of Michigan and a general refresher course for staff and initiation for Ashlynn on different procedures.

Mr. Coon suggested that we contact Mr. Kalitta, who did the landscaping project for Greta this summer, as our landscaping is in need of refurbishment. Landscaping projects are covered by the Endowment Fund. Motion by Coon, 2nd by Anthony to pursue this. All yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Scott, 2nd by Coon. All yes. Motion carried.