

St. Ignace Public Library Board Minutes

110 W. Spruce St.

Aug 14, 2017

Convened at 5:10 PM

Trustees absent: Martha Sjogren

Old Business:

1. **Approval (Including additions & amendments) of July minutes:** Moved by Mary Maurer, 2nd by Loni Brown, all approved.
2. **New Web Site:** The director has been working with Jean Montgomery at Superiorland to finalize the layout and appearance of the webpage. The site will run parallel with the old site for a month or so to work out any bugs.
3. **Bookdrop Canopy:** The City DPW has agreed to construct the canopy. They will begin after Labor Day under the supervision of architect Rick Perry. This should save the Library some money.

New Business:

4. **Director's Report:** July 2017 activity was up in most categories. It was a busy month.
5. **Director Search:** None of the three finalist chose to accept the position. One due to sudden family issues, one because the family decided the move would be too difficult for them right now, and the third because her entire staff quit and she felt she couldn't leave the library without someone to keep it open. The current Director will delay retirement and work through the month of March to enable the Board to search again for a suitable replacement. The Trustees decided that the new search should begin sometime in October. Specifics will be decided at the October Board meeting.
6. **Graymont Grant Application:** Jill has applied for a grant from Graymont Ind. that would help with programming in the area of public service programs. The grant amount would be \$4,500.00.
7. **New Front Signage:** Director received a quote from Mike Lamb at Arrow Signs for a new signage in front of the Library. 2 signs in the City style installed for \$3,850.00. Director is investigating pricing for an electronic, remotely operated marquee to replace the current marquee. Bids pending. DDA will not be able to assist financially with new Library Signage.
8. **New Display in History Room:** The Director would like to begin a collection of memorabilia celebrating the Straits passenger ferry boat service of the past – before the bridge. Much of this material is being lost over the years, and an effort should be made to save an important part of our local history. Board agreed to support the project, including some outside help for collection and research.
9. **Shelf Adjustment Boards:** There is a need for spacers behind the paperback books and some of the youth books on the shelves. Stock 2x4s will work for this. I estimate 14 12' 2x4s to do the job.
10. **State Aid Increase:** The State Aid to libraries will increase approximately 2 cents per capita. This will amount to about \$88.00 more to our Library. Est. State Aid 2017 - \$1,540.00
11. **Deposits:** July 17, \$59,806.44 (Final Penal Fine payment); Aug. 6, \$1,309.95 = \$61,116.39
12. **Payment of Bills: Bills Paid:** Bills in the amount of \$3,700.72 submitted and approved.

Director Workshops: The Director requested attendance at two workshops: Sept. 6 in Gaylord on “Library Safety” and the Annual Superiorland Conference in Marquette Sept. 14/15. Board agreed.

Public Comment:

Adjourned: 6:10 PM. All approved.

Friends of the Library Meeting: Oct 16 at 5:15 in the Library

Next Trustees Meeting Date: Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 5:05 PM in the library.