

St. Ignace Public Library Board Meeting Minutes– November 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM with the following present: Alycia McKowen, Eliska Grogan, Mary Maurer, Kim Nowack, and Martha Sjogren. Not present was Loni Brown, Ruth Lachapelle, and Elaine MacDonald.

A motion was made by Kim Nowack to approve the October 2019 meeting minutes as presented and was seconded by Mary Maurer. Motion was carried.

Old Business

Krista Brown Fund: The two representatives for the St. Ignace Public Library have completed the steps to add themselves onto the account. Further information is needed to see where everything is at to start utilizing the fund.

New Business

Director's Report: Alycia McKowen presented the Director's Report and highlighted some key areas for discussion. Current library usage and trends were presented. Upcoming collaborations and community engagement events were discussed with Alycia highlighting upcoming events to support and supplement holiday events taking place in the community. Alycia gave an update on the Leadership Academy that she is participating in on what was discussed during the October session and what she is looking forward to learning in the December session.

Presentation of Community Interests Board: Alycia McKowen presented the community interests board filled out by the community. Based on the gathered data, the community leans towards Food/Nutrition, Hobbies and Crafts, and Performing Arts/Movies as their top three interests. Alycia also gave an update on how this data will be used towards the next steps in data collection to begin support the creation of a strategic plan for the library.

Playaway Launch Pads: Alycia McKowen presented the Playaway Launch Pads-a pre-loaded learning tablet with 10 high-quality learning apps (\$99-\$159 each). Each tablet is custom curated for specific age groups and learning subject. Alycia requested board approval to purchase 2 tablets for the 3-5 year age range to support decreasing the digital divide, support additional learning through current technical means, and to incorporate the tablets into existing programs. Martha Sjogren made a motion to approval the expenditure of 2 Playaway Launch Pads for the age group 3-5 years. Mary Maurer seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Agenda Addition: Literacy at the Laundromat: Kim Nowack brought an article discussing literacy in unique places, such as a laundromat and how the library could utilize that idea by having books available at the laundromat in St. Ignace for guests to use-similar to a Free Little Library.

Agenda Addition: BookFlix: Kim Nowack wanted to know the status of BookFlix as the link on the St. Ignace Public Library website was not accepting patrons to log in. Alycia stated that the library is no longer supporting BookFlix as the cost was too high for the minimal use it saw for 2018-2019. The link will be removed from the website now that the website is now running again after being down for two weeks.

Public Comment

Alycia McKowen and Eliska Grogan discussed holiday programs and requested volunteers to assist in decorating the library for these programs.

Approval of Payables: The library board signed off on the payables totaling \$4,213.03

December Board Meeting: The St. Ignace Public Library Board meeting for December 10, 2019 has been moved to December 17, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM with a motion to adjourn made by Martha Sjogren and seconded by Kim Nowack. Motion carried.

Approved December 17, 2019