

## Minutes

St. Ignace Library Board of Trustees  
May 9, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Deanna Draze, Loni Brown, Ruth LaChapelle, and Kim Nowak present. Bonnie Ledy, David Coven, and Elaine MacDonald absent.

A Zoom meeting was started with EUPCC members Joanne Galloway and Jennie Hoffman. They presented information about connectivity to broaden internet services in the Upper Peninsula through the Center for Change Northern Michigan Advocacy. They asked to form a collaboration solely with the Library versus the City of St. Ignace as a whole. This is helpful for assistance with grant writing, and are asking for the library to be a centralized hub for group meetings and a place to provide information to the public about their work. The Superiorland Cooperative had a few questions about the collaboration. Sharon will work between the Co-op and CCNMA to get the questions answered.

Short Take- This month's topic was Intellectual Freedom, which includes 3 freedoms: Expression -shared thoughts, Access- removing all barriers, and Privacy – from surveillance. It encouraged Trustees to make sure policies reflect the values of the library, to know and understand the policies, be proactive, and to follow the policies. It also suggests being more engaging to the public and explaining our values and why we do what we do to serve the community. If Trustees have any questions, they can contact the Office of Intellectual Freedom.

Approval of the April 11, 2023 minutes was motioned by Deanna Draze and seconded by Ruth LaChapelle. The motion carried unanimously.

### Old Business:

The health fringe benefit line item was explained and there is no monthly charge. Although, the self-funding changes due to what is used for medical by the staff.

Board Training: A part of the strategic plan is to have training for Board members. A plan was placed for Dillon, Director of Superiorland to review the best practice for challenging material. The date is set for June 9, 2023.

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New Business:

Director's Report- Sharon gave updates from the previous month. A grant was approved for laptops that will be purchased and replace some of the desktops. She stated that the 2% tribal grant money was denied for assistance with the HVAC. The agreement with Bois Blanc is going well; they are satisfied with the collaboration and hope to expand services from the library to them. There are many upcoming programs for the summer.

Mowing Bid- Precision Edge, who was awarded the bid last year, was called, but there was no response after leaving a message. The only bid received was from Northland Services. It was moved by Loni Brown to accept the bid from Northland Services and seconded by Deanna Draze. Motion carried unanimously.

MLA survey- The survey description was given by Sharon, it compares Region 8 to the statewide library. It was suggested by Kim Nowak to add the survey to our website.

Material challenge process- This was addressed with the addition of a meeting next month with Dillon, the Superiorland director, who will give an overview of the process when materials are challenged at the library.

Approval of payables

Public comment- Ruth LaChapelle asked about having the tree limbs and debris cleaned up in the front yard. She suggested a work bee with the community and board members. Loni Brown offered to call City Hall and see if the DPW could get the work done. She will then report back to Sharon on if this can be done or if the work bee is to be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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