

WEST BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 2, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Call to order at 5:00 p.m. by president K. Michael, followed by pledge of allegiance

Present: J. Sheridan, S. Jennings, S. Smith, D. Beamish, K. Michael, K. Shirey, M. Durfee, Y. Maul, T. Barnhart. **Absent:** J. Headings.

Approval of Agenda: K. Shirey motioned to approve agenda, T. Barnhart supported, motion passed.

Public Comments: None

Previous Board Minutes: On file. Motion by S. Smith to accept 6-28, 2021 minutes as presented, supported by Y. Maul, all in favor, motion passed.

Bills to pay: Reviewed and questions answered. S. Smith motioned to pay bills, T. Barnhart supported, all in favor, motion passed.

Financials: Year to dated financial budget reviewed. S. Smith motioned to accept June 30, 2021 balance sheet, T. Barnhart supported, all in favor, motion passed.

Correspondence: thank you letter from new White Pine Coop director shared with board.

Old Business: John shared with board current status of millage opt out with Ogemaw Township. Article in the Ogemaw Herald newspaper, written and verified by staff writer Jocelyn Garza, states that their township will be paying back the 2020 taxes captured after the library opted out. We are still waiting to hear of West Branch Township decision and John will check with our lawyer if she has heard anything.

New Business: John gave a penal fine total update. It is much less than we had budgeted for but with the shut down for Covid this was anticipated. Lori has an update on the children's reading program, and the planned picnic in the park for Wednesday, August 4. at noon at the pavilion. There is also a magician performing. John introduced the two new employees, Kathleen Winkleman and Amanda (Mandy) Short. Mandy will be taking over Tech Tuesday duties. Lori also gave update on the possibility of a sidewalk book event. More to come on that. Also, a request for auction donations is being asked for, some donations have already come in. John also mentioned to the board of an incident report involving staff tripping over rug runner in children's room. Board felt the runner could be removed.

Director's report: See report. John reported on the July events. Isobel will be heading off to college and her last day to work is July 29. We wish this young lady good luck and thank her for her good work. The next book for the Let's Discuss Book club is Wild: A Journey from Lost to Found. The volunteer Book Nook annual picnic is being set up and board will be notified.

Next meeting August 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Kathy Shirey, secretary