

WEST BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 5, 2021

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

Present: K. Michael, T. Barnhart, M. Durfee, S. Smith, S. Jennings, director J. Sheridan. Welcome to new member D. Beamish. Absent: Y. Mahl.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by T. Barnhart to approve the agenda and add under "New Business" the summer reading program. S. Jennings supported, all in favor. Agenda with change approved.

Public comment: None

Board Minutes: on file. S. Smith motioned to accept the minutes of March 1, 2021 meeting. S. Jennings supported. All in favor, motion passed.

Bills to Pay: Review of bills for month of March, 2021 was done.

Financials: on file. Review of YTD and discussion of revenue and expenditures. We did receive the bulk of the property tax money in February, 2021. Motion by T. Barnhart to accept the budget financials, pay bills and have director check on the actual status of the penal fines and have the budget amendments for next meeting. Supported by S. Smith, all in favor, motion passed.

Correspondence: Director reported on a letter from Department of Treasury that they have ended the 501C3 status of the now defunct West Branch Literacy Council.

Old Business: Issue with millage money that had been captured by DDA's even though the library has filed for and been approved for an exemption. S. Smith motioned to approve having our attorney move forward by pursuing any legal action needed to end the West Branch Township and Ogemaw Township DDA capture of library millage funds and to return any monies due to the library. Supported by S. Jennings. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business: Director discussed notification on adoption of MERS benefits agreement. Motion by T. Barnhart to accept the MERS benefit plan adoption program. S. Jennings supported, all in favor, motion carried. Director asked for resolution to address the E-banking for Library. It is now called for a resolution to allow a transfer for full access e-banking to the current library director and the board president and partial access to the current accountant for the library. All board members were in agreement. No objections. Director discussed with board his concerns about the Junior Library Guild that handles our Junior book section selection. We spend \$200.00 a month and their selections are very poor. John feels we would do better to discontinue our contract and buy our own selection. K. Shirey motioned to discontinue our contract and have the \$200.00/month for our own library agent, Lori Rimaldi, to buy our own selection. T. Barnhart supported, all in favor, motion passed. Summer Reading program was discussed. We are moving forward on this and Lori has taken the lead on this.

Director's Report: John discussed the written report he submitted.

Adjournment: 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting May 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Kathy Shirey, secretary