

Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville September 23., 2021 Board Meeting

Present:

Max Ruckdeschel, Barbara MacDonald, ,Doug Arena, Jaime Ashe, James Trevvett, Silvia Macor, Cathryn McVeary

Also Present: Charles Diede

Not Present: Melinda Dermody, Robin Young, Jill Enright, Anthony Marrone, Ping Cong

Treasurer's Report – Jaime Ashe

Ahead on budget. But YTD over by \$6000. Working to mitigate other costs.

Charles: We put a freeze on all orders. We can't order enough DVD so we can move that item.

Meeting called to order: 6:40

Approval of July Minutes

Silvia moved Lisa seconded

All present approved.

MOU for OCPL approval.

Max: We get value out of Polaris and book delivery. There is a shift in general oversight to include suburban libraries. The cost will move from population to circulation in the pay structure.

Question: Doug - How long is it for?

Max: It just continues. Previous MOU auto renewed at 2% increase each year. We can opt out with thirty days' notice. The new MOU committee includes four suburban library directors and two trustees. They must be from different libraries so six of the twenty-four suburban libraries are represented.

Motion to approve the updated MOU with OCPL.

Silvia moved to approve and Lisa seconded.

All present approved.

Director's Report – Charles Diede

Amnesty August was a success. We waved \$1500 in fines and \$500 collected that people didn't want waved. Collected 30 cartons of diapers. It was successful campaign.

We did have a positive test of a staff member. They stayed out when they didn't feel well and did not come in. Got the negative test. Came to work, and an hour into the shift, they were called and said there was a mistake and they were positive. They left immediately. Contact tracing did not identify anyone.

Summer learning program: It was really successful despite how many outdoor events had to be cancelled or converted to virtual due to rain.

High of circulation 27000 a month in August.

EV charging stations still with the town to see when.

Turnover in staff. People are finding new roles that are outside of libraries. We have three people working for the library with MLS degrees that are at lower positions.

Fundraising initiative. National Grid is doing 100% grants for installation but the town is writing the grant.

President's Report – Max Ruckdeschel

Mortgage – Contacted our lawyer but pending an update.

Strategic Planning: Community needs assessment to take place for the second portion of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn Doug moved to adjourn and Catheryn seconded

Meeting adjourned at 6:07.