

MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes Meeting January 6, 2021

Approved: February 3, 2021

C. Peterson called the Meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 4:01 PM on Wednesday January 6, 2021.

Present: C. Peterson, M. Fagan, A. Rivard, J. Slavick, A. Rock and Commissioner W. Cech.
Guest R. Seidlitz

President C. Peterson noted that the December Library Board meeting was cancelled due to Covid19 Health restrictions. She welcomed Commissioner Cech as the new liaison to the Library Board and Raoul Seidlitz who will start as a Library Board member in February.

A. Rivard moved to approve the agenda, support by M. Fagan. Motion carried.

Public Participation: No public present.

M. Fagan moved to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2020 Library Board Meeting, support by A. Rivard. Motion carried.

A. Rivard moved to approve the October bills, support by M. Fagan. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Despite the current restrictions we decorated and provided holiday themed Take and Make craft bags and ran a Pine cone guessing game. At the request of Meyer Township the Hermansville Branch is only open for curbside service. The Main Branch is open with social distancing. The Bookmobile continues to work with schools and community stops to provide services as we can.

We are repurposing the old county iPads for patrons to try e-checkouts. These iPads came at great time, as the Superiorland Library Cooperative has entered into an agreement with 3 other cooperatives to share digital content. Our patrons now have the ability to borrow over 100,000 titles (e-books, audios and videos). The iPads will be available for patrons to check out as part of the "library of things". We hope that more people will be able to access digital library resources.

The Big Dream project continues to move forward. Wi-Fi will be installed at Harris Township hopefully next week. Equipment is on order for Spalding Township. We did test at other sites and have worked with Granite on the cost of their library use data plan. The Saturday Bookmobile service has strong public approval. Our patrons are very glad that we continue to provide service and have been able to remain open.

Solander Electric has been in and will be providing estimates for lighting repairs and electrical upgrades. The Friends have approval from the City and will have their Plant Sale/Street Event on Saturday June 5th.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Cech reported that Larry Phelps is the new Chairperson and that he, W. Cech is the Vice Chairperson for the County Commissioners. He said the board is looking forward to the New Year and everyone working to accomplish good things for the county and its residents. He is pleased with the community support for the library.

New Business:

- A. C. Peterson moved to appoint Brad Winnicki as the Menominee County Library's representative to the Superiorland Library Cooperative Board. Support by M. Fagan. Motion carried.
- B. C. Peterson moved to approve the Strategic Plan for the Menominee County Library, support by A. Rivard. Motion carried.

Public Participation: No public present. Library Board members thanked C. Peterson for her 10 years of service on the Library Board and noted the challenges met by the library and the library board during the last decade.

As there was no further business, M. Fagan moved to adjourn the meeting, support by A. Rock. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Submitted by: Amanda Winnicki, Library Director