**Fruitport District Library Board of Directors**

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President R. Dillon at 5:31 p.m.

Present: R. Dillon, R. Woodward, J. Rule, B. Overkamp. G. Bo. , and Dudas . Also in attendance were Pat Gallagher, Karla Brown, Julie Sanderson, Donna Esch, and Larry Swisher.

The agenda was unanimously accepted as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  None

**REPORTS**

Secretary’s Report: Motion by Dudas, supported by Overkamp to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Library Report: The Director was absent due to illness. His comprehensive report was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: A review of financial information was presented by Trustee Dillon.

A motion was made by Trustee Woodward to approve payment of bills totaling $3,951.09. Supported by Dudas. Passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

New library locations: Discussion continues as we search for solutions to the needs of our library. Trustee Overkamp reported that the Village Council did discuss the library at their last meeting and will continue to do so at the next, with the involvement of their attorney. He said one possibility was that the village would provide a 50 year lease of the current building and land to the library for $1/month. They would first want to know exactly how much land we would need. Parking and septic remain areas of concern with this option.

Trustee Woodward volunteered to meet with the Director and Kathleen Johnston of the Friends of the Library to begin a more formal plan of action for the library which will include a prioritized list of needs and wants and the steps necessary to bring this to fruition.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment to Officer Positions: Motion by Woodward, supported by Rule to accept the following slate of officers - President: R. Dillon Vice President: B. Overkamp Treasurer: G. Bo Secretary: R. Woodward. Motion carried unanimously by rollcall vote.

Appointment to committees: The President appointed the following committees:

Finance – Dillon, Bo, Overkamp

Personnel – Dillon, Woodward, (one position open)

Building – All Trustees

Discussion of building fund donations: After some discussion, it was decided that money received for a new library will be included in the current line item: “Donations”. A motion was made by Trustee Overkamp and seconded by Trustee Bo to have Trustee Dillon explore options with Consumers Credit Union on possible investment of these funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Wage Increase for Director: Following his annual evaluation a recommendation was made by the Personnel Committee and supported by the Finance committee to give the Director a $2,000 raise (approximately 4%). Motion by Dillon, seconded by Woodward to approve this raise which would be retroactive to the anniversary of his date of hire. Motion carried unanimously by rollcall vote.

Motion by Bo, supported by Overkamp to accept the resignation of Laura Oldt from the Board. Matt will put a posting for this position on the Library website and Facebook pages, as well as the Library bulletin board and at Orchard Market and the Village Pharmacy. Interested candidates must live in the village and have a passion for our library and its service to our community.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

Motion by Woodward, supported by Overkamp to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Woodward