**Fruitport District Library Board of Directors**

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Rose Dillon at 6:09p.m.

Present: Rose Dillon, Ruth Woodward, Bill Overkamp, Anna Dudas, Junella Rule and Nan Riekse . Trustee Bo was excused.

Also in attendance were Matt Lubbers-Moore, Patricia Gallagher, Matt Wakely (Slagel) and Kyle Osterhart as well as many Friends of the Fruitport Library and a number of guests.

The agenda was unanimously accepted as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  None

**REPORTS**

Library Report: The Director reported that all of our recent programs have been well received and several more are in the works including a Scrabble Reading Program. Matt will also be giving a history lecture once per month and Chair Yoga has been added to our weekly calendar.

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

Building Report: Bill Weimer reported that he has purchased a supply of sidewalk salt for the winter.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Reikse, supported by Trustee Overkamp to approve payment of November bills totaling $3,437.78. Motion passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

New library discussion: At this point, the meeting was turned over to Matt Wakely from Tower Pinkster Architects and Kyle Osterhart from Concept Design Studio, to present possible designs, as well as feasibility of building or adding to our current location. (Note: Matt lives in the Village of Fruitport and Kyle lives in the township and have been working together and donating their time thus far.) Following much discussion and community input, it was decided that a meeting will be arranged sometime in January to bring representatives from both the Village Council and Township Board with Library Board members and the architects to determine the next best course of action. Trustee Dillon and Trustee Overkamp will work to schedule this.

Air conditioning Unit purchase: The board had previously learned that that if the air conditioner is not purchased before January 1, 2025 there will be an increase of $1,200.00. Following discussions with the architects regarding the feasibility of moving or selling any new air conditioner a motion was made by Dudas and supported by Reikse to purchase a new unit for the library at a cost of $12,502.80. Motion passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve 2025 Board Meeting Dates: Motion by Woodward, supported by Overkamp to approve the 2025 calendar as presented. Meeting dates and Library closures will be posted on the website.

Recommendation of Village representatives: It was approved unanimously to recommend to the Village Council that Trustees Woodward and Reikse be reappointed to the Library Board January 1, 2025 through December of 2026 and to recommend to the Township Board the reappointment of Trustee Dudas to the Library Board twith the same terem as Woodward and Reikse. There remains one vacancy for a township representative at this time due to the resignation of Trustee Bo.

Motion by Woodward, supported by Dudas to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Woodward