

Fruitport District Library
Board of Directors Meeting
November 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by chair Rose Dillon at 5:38 p.m. Present were Ruth Woodward, Joshua Datte, and Mary Weimer. Donna Pope arrived at 5:43. Laura Oldt and Marjorie Stonecypher were excused. Also present were Library Director Adam DeWitt, Karla Brown, and Jay and Carolyn Bolt.

Reports:

The library director continues to keep the board informed on basement water issues. October programs were successful with good attendance numbers, with upcoming programs scheduled for December. He attended a Fruitport Community Schools meeting November 12. Several library service needs were identified at that meeting.

A Spring Lake District Library staff member had spoken with FDL board member Ruth Woodward about how impressed their staff is with our library Director. She cited his willingness to seek out information and advice from them and to work with them.

The secretary's report was accepted as presented.

The treasurer gave two reports, as our board did not meet in October. There were no deposits in October, savings account interest of \$4.05, and withdrawals in the amount of \$12,929.32. Master Card balance was \$1,034.31. November deposits were \$718.18; savings account interest was \$4.19; and withdrawals were \$18,520.67. Master Card balance was \$871.20.

Motion by Donna Pope, seconded by Ruth Woodward, to pay October invoices in the amount of \$16,429.29. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Mary Weimer, seconded by Ruth Woodward, to pay November invoices of \$12,260.81. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Maintenance worker Mark Boone will clean the carpeting and complete yard work over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Old Business:

Terms of office will expire December 31 for Donna Pope and Joshua Datte. Letters of interest have been received from community members, and interviews will be scheduled to find replacements.

The board is sending a letter to the Fruitport Village Council, recommending the appointment of William (Bill) OverKamp as the Village liaison to replace Donna Pope.

Ideas are being considered for donations that were given in the name of Anne Nichols, a former FDL Board Trustee in memory of her passing.

Jay Bolt, attended the meeting representing the Village Planning Commission and spoke on the Village's goal to update their five year Master Plan. The Planning Commission would like feedback regarding the library and library building and how it fits in the plan. Future needs for the library were discussed.

Motion by Donna Pope, seconded by Ruth Woodward, to follow past practice regarding gift cards for staff. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Mary Weimer, seconded by Ruth Woodward, to host a Christmas party for staff, board member, and the Friends group. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Historical Society recognition is still tabled.

Motion by Rose Dillon, seconded by Mary Weimer, to purchase a book for the library in honor of the service of the two board members Donna Pope and Josh Datte, whose terms expire in December.

The Friends group holds two annual book sales. Issues have been raised because of a conflict with Story Time on Tuesday mornings. The library staff and the board will look into a solution.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Mary Weimer

Secretary