

Three Oaks Township Public Library
August 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Patience Petro, Board President. Present: Christina Zebell, Connie Slavens, Tom Pauly, and Cheryl Kersey. Absent – Stacey Koziel and Tom Rosenbluth.

Motion by PP to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by CZ. All ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment: none.

Unfinished Business:

Grants – CK reported that the library received a grant from the Berrien Community Foundation for \$1,225 for “Screen-Free Story Time.” Discussion followed.

Budget – CK said Current Budget was in board folders. CK said as of July 31, 2024, there was \$282,055.60 in the library fund. CK said two new laws that affect the library are The Improved Workforce Opportunity Age Act and The Earned Sick Time Act. Both will go into effect February 21, 2025.

Building Maintenance –

CK said VFP Fire Systems came out to take a look at our fire alarm monitoring panels that was not working correctly. It needs to be converted to a hybrid panel with a cell phone sensor in it. This will also update to an app and real-time monitoring on VFP’s end. The cost is \$3,950. Discussion followed.

PP said there is some paint peeling on the porch at the back entrance. Discussion followed.

TP asked if the library’s gutters were secure. Discussion followed.

Friends of the Library –They met on July 16. There were only four members present. Copies of minutes and treasurer’s report are in board folders. They will provide prizes for Summer Reading. Their next meeting in November 19 at 5:00 followed by decorating the library at 6:00. Bring appetizers and friends.

Possible Mural on West Side of Library –TR and TP will schedule a time to go see the director of the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City.

Building Audit – Phil Smith not at meeting so no discussion.

Survey – Discussion followed.

Other –

Director’s Report – attached to these minutes. Discussion followed.

Trustee Education – CK said there is a Trustee Roundtable on September 9 at Chippewa River District Library. Discussion followed.

New Business:

Other – Today CK received paperwork in the mail that the library is the beneficiary of Ernest Jelinek’s will. Discussion followed.

TP suggested planting bushes at edges of parking lot. Discussion followed.

Nest Meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by PP at 7:14, seconded by CZ.