

Northfield Township Area Library  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
6/15/2021

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by R. Spooner  
Present: J. Secrist, G. Hermann, C. Watkins, S. Purrington,  
Z. Nelson (Ex Officio), M. Goldwyn (Ex Officio)  
Absent: L. Strausbaugh
- II. Additions to the agenda: None
- III. Correspondence: None
- IV. Approval of Minutes:  
A motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2021, meeting was made by J. Secrist, seconded by C. Watkins, and was unanimously approved.
- V. Comments from the Public:  
Barbra Rusch suggested that the agenda for the meeting be posted on the website.
- VI. Library Director's Report:
  - Z. Nelson mentioned the Library Trustee Training webinars in July.
  - S. Purrington asked about a board retreat to learn about board duties.
  - Z. Nelson mentioned the Summer Reading Club this Saturday and the Pop-Up Library Book Bike on July 15th.
  - R. Spooner suggested to recognize Hillary and Elizabeth for their efforts.
- VII. Financial Report:

J. Secrist presented the Financial Report from May 2021.

  - The invested money is earning interest.
  - The library has money in CDs for future projects.
  - Financially everything is in order.

A motion to accept the financial report was made by C. Watkins and seconded by S. Purrington was unanimously approved.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
  - a. Building/Grounds Committee Report: None
  - b. Personnel Committee Report: None

IX. New business:

a. Budget Hearing:

1. Motion to close the public board meeting made by S. Purrington; seconded by G. Hermann was unanimously approved.

2. Motion to open the Budget Hearing made by C. Watkins; seconded by S. Purrington was unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Public: None

J. Secrist said budget is in order.

4. Motion to close the Budget Hearing made by S. Purrington; seconded by C. Watkins was unanimously approved.

5. Motion to reopen the Regular Board Meeting made by S. Purrington; seconded by C. Watkins was unanimously approved.

b. Resolution to Approve the Proposed FY2021-2022 Millage Rates:

(R. Spooner diligently read resolution for millage)

Motion to accept Resolution No. 21-01 by S. Purrington; seconded by C. Watkins was approved.

Yea: R. Spooner, S. Purrington, J. Secrist, C. Watkins

Nay: G. Hermann

c. Resolution to Approve the FY2021-2022 Budget:

(R. Spooner diligently read the budget)

Motion to accept the FY2021-2022 Budget by S. Purrington; seconded by C. Watkins was approved.

Yea: R. Spooner, S. Purrington, J. Secrist, C. Watkins, G. Hermann

Nay: none

d. Approval of Form L4029

Motion to approve form L4029 was made by S. Purrington; second C. Watkins was unanimously approved.

e. Revised 2021 Michigan Public Library Trustee Manual

Z. Nelson gave each board member a copy of the Michigan Public Library Trustee Manual

f. Budget Amendment

Motion to approve the proposed budget amendments was made by S. Purrington; seconded by G. Hermann was unanimously approved.

X. Old Business

a. Board Statement of Inclusion

G. Hermann expressed concern that the statement options offered may be interpreted as Critical Race Theory. There was follow-up discussion from the board.

b. Policy 300.11 Non-Library exhibits and displays

Z. Nelson will contact other libraries in the area to get their policy on bulletin boards.

The Policy Committee will meet Monday, June 28th at 7pm at the library to consider the library board statement and the bulletin board policy. The committee will send a report to the board for review at the next regular board meeting.

c. Digital Sign

A mockup of the (104" x 107") proposed digital sign was found to look too big. A new proposal was given of a scaled down version.

A motion to proceed with the new (smaller) Fast Signs proposal, made by J. Secrist and seconded by S. Purrington was unanimously approved.

XI. Comments from public

Barbra Rusch commented on the community bulletin board policy. She also expressed concerns over the proposed library board statement options.

Randy Rusch commented on the community bulletin board policy.

Polly McNichols suggested a disclaimer on the bulletin board.

Jim Sotiroff provided suggestions regarding the bulletin board policy and had questions regarding library policy in general.

Leslie Holliday had questions and comments regarding the proposed library board statement options.

XII. Comments from the Board:

G. Hermann expressed concern about policy in relation to the personnel complaint.

XIII. Adjournment: 8:20 pm

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Watkins and seconded by S. Purrington was unanimously supported.



Gerald Hermann

Secretary Northfield Township Area Library

Date: 9-21-2021