

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Darcy Library of Beulah**  
**July 16, 2024**

**Call to Order:** The regular Board of Trustees meeting called to order at 4:01 PM. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

**Present:** Cathy Hahn, Dan Schoonmaker, Chloe McGehee, Ann Strehle, Debby Laslo, Betsy Taylor

**Absent:** Dan Hook (Emeritus)

**Guest(s):** Karen Salyer (Director)

**Approval of Agenda:** Taylor moved to approve the agenda, McGehee supported, the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes From Previous Meeting (6-18-24):** Laslo moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Schoonmaker supported and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** (See corresponding documents)

- Review of the preliminary financial statement for the year ending June 30, 2024.
  - Net income of \$49 for the fiscal year versus budgeted loss of \$7791. Revenues were \$1167 less than budgeted. The Penal fines are estimated at \$10,000,
  - Expenditures were \$8010 less than budgeted including Personnel Services (\$1923) and various Administrative Services accounts (\$7033).
  - Schoonmaker moved to approve the financial statement as presented, Laslo supported, the motion was approved.
  
- Bills to approve for the period of June 19 - July 16, 2024.
  - Bills paid (\$7619.88) and bills to be paid (\$1104.99)
  - Schoonmaker moved to approve the payment of bills, Taylor supported, motion was approved.
  
- The annual \$2000 contribution from Lake Township was received.

**Director's Report**

- Summer Reading Program moving along well, 29 kids-7 teens-33 adults
  - North Sky Raptors, Adventures in Gardening, Rock Adventures (Unearthed), Animal Adventures (Cognition), Birds and Bugs, Olympic Adventures (August 7- Kris needs help)
- Program with the Historical Society "Digging the Past" focusing on Native American artifacts and archeology on July 26.
- Planning for the Haunted Library library in October
- Planning for an author visit

## **Committee Reports**

### **Personnel Committee**

- None

### **Maintenance Committee**

- Windows scheduled for cleaning in August

### **Liaison Report with Friends of the Darcy Library**

- YES Committee for millage starts with the Friends

## **Unfinished Business**

- **Anishinaabe Land Acknowledgement:**
  - Hahn volunteered to put together a statement
- **Bookkeeper Update-** Christopher & Co. CPA, will cost about \$6000/year. Hope to make a decision by September.
- **Helen Tanner Room:** Planning a plaque for the room, need to check with the tribe about the wording.
- **Library Millage:** Vicki Carpenter will speak to us, no library resources can be involved.
  - Shirley Bursma, millage promoter for libraries will put on workshop
  - Last millage was in 2011, 2026 will be the next millage vote for .6 mills to be split with Benzonia

## **New Business**

- None

## **Other Business**

- Fine Friendly Library - Still in the discussion phase, Betsy Taylor spoke in favor of the idea and stated that research shows that the amount of library revenue collected from fines is not a large sum. "Fines are punitive and may drive patrons away."

## **Public Comment**

- None

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 4 PM at the Benzonia Library.

### **Adjournment:**

Laslo moved to adjourn the meeting, McGehee supported, meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.

**Respectfully submitted:** Catherine Hahn, Recording Secretary