

HOWELL CARNEGIE DISTRICT LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 11, 2022

President Kathryn Tuck called the regular meeting of the Howell Carnegie District Library to order at 7:00 pm.

Rick Scofield moved to approve the agenda as presented. Bob Ellis supported, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

Members present: Bob Ellis, Lyn Hewitt, Susan Pominville, Rick Scofield, Maria Stuart, and Kathryn Tuck, as well as Director Holly Ward Lamb. Additionally, the following members of the public signed in to the meeting: Cindy Alesso, Norma Loch, Sarah Lupton, Jodi Rector-Brooks, Debbie Mikula, Rich Perlberg, Rosemarie Brennan, Katy Bennett, Adam Bennett, Sara Steinhauser, Chelsea Steinhauser, Janice Heilman, Grant Howe, Haily Anderson, and Carrie Fairbanks.

Members absent: Tony Kandt

Lyn Hewitt moved to approve the absence of Tony Kandt. Bob Ellis supported, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

Bob Ellis moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, including Item A, Minutes of September 13, 2022, and Item B, Bills and Payrolls. Rick Scofield supported, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

Announcements and Comments from the Public:

Sara Steinhauser spoke in support of the library and the variety in its collection. Debbie Mikula spoke in support of the library, against censorship, and noted regardless of the book bans and challenges, the citizens of Howell will continue to trust and support the library board and staff, as they have always done. Jodi Rector-Brooks stated she is happy the library allows its patrons to choose materials for themselves and not have someone else choose for them.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING TOPIC:

Kate Litwin from the DDA and Mainstreet Howell was unable to attend, and her presentation will be rescheduled to a later date.

President Kathryn Tuck noted that it is Michigan library appreciation month. She encouraged her fellow trustees to register online for the trustee roundtable and said it was a great learning opportunity.

Each board member received the Treasurer's Report for September 2022 electronically. Treasurer Bob Ellis briefly explained the report to the board and noted that everything appeared to be in order. Bob Ellis moved to accept the report. Rick Scofield supported and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

There were no committee reports during August.

Director Holly Ward Lamb had nothing to add to her written report other than she forwarded an email from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan's concerning its investment briefing on November 7 to the trustees.

ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bob Ellis moved to approve Resolution 22-14 to Present the Duane Zemper Award to the Friends of the Howell Carnegie District Library. Susan Pominville supported, and the board was polled. All board members approved.

DISCUSSION

2. The board reviewed its trustee recruitment process during the coming months.
3. Holly Ward Lamb stated the details of the trustees' and administrators' holiday dinner had been finalized. The December board meeting will take place before the holiday dinner.
4. Director Lamb reminded the trustees of the Livingston County Trustees and Directors Meeting on November 9 and requested names of attendees to provide to the host, Pinckney Community Library.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

None.

Bob Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. Rick Scofield supported, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

Kathleen Murray, Recording Secretary