

**HOWELL CARNEGIE DISTRICT LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
March 14, 2023**

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

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

Members present: Bob Ellis, Lyn Hewitt, Tony Kandt, Susan Pominville, Rick Scofield, Maria Stuart, and Kathryn Tuck. Director Holly Ward Lamb and Jeremy Eden, IT support for the Howell Carnegie District Library, were also present, plus four community members.

Members absent: None

The board and staff introduced themselves to the public in attendance.

***IN-SERVICE TRAINING TOPIC***

1. Jeremy Eden, IT support for the Howell Carnegie District Library, updated recent developments in the Howell Area Archives.

Rick Scofield moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, including Item A, Minutes of February 14, 2023, Minutes of February 28, 2023, and Minutes of the Closed Session of February 28, 2023, and Item B, Bills and Payrolls. Bob Ellis supported, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Tammy Nottingham stated she is new to the community and is interested in getting more involved. Pam Beach, 846 Oakwood Drive, Howell, Michigan, said she is a Republican “precinct delegate” and, as such, is attending various community meetings in an attempt to “make the community smaller.” Erin Britten, 610 Maple Street, Howell, Michigan, stated she loves the Archives, and years ago, an archives volunteer assisted her with her family history. Jacob Schlittler, 621 West Brooks, Howell, Michigan, stated he is very impressed with the work in the Archives and believes it is an underutilized part of the library.

President Kathryn Tuck reported that Director Lamb is participating in a virtual event presented by the League of Women Voters with other Livingston Library Directors on March 21.

Each board member received the Treasurer's report for February 2023 electronically. Treasurer Bob Ellis reviewed the report with the board. Bob Ellis moved to accept the report as presented. Rick Scofield supported, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

There were no committee meetings during February.

In addition to her written report, Holly Ward Lamb advised the board that last Thursday's partnership event included a reception for the artwork we are displaying, followed by a panel discussion surrounding services in Livingston County for mental health issues. She said it was one of the most inspiring events we have been involved in since she started working at the library and encouraged the trustees to take a few minutes to view the artwork displayed on the stairs landing.

### ***ACTION ITEMS***

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

### ***DISCUSSION***

2. The board discussed recent developments regarding the library's vacant lot. Director Lamb was tasked with obtaining a property appraisal of the land.
3. The board reviewed proposed revisions to the evaluation in connection with the performance appraisal of the director.
4. The Nominating and Recruiting Committee (Maria Stuart, Susan Pominville, and Kathryn Tuck) scheduled April 6, 2023, at 10:00 am to meet at Uptown Coffee House.
5. The Finance Committee (Rick Scofield, Bob Ellis, and Tony Kandt) scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm, immediately before the regularly scheduled board meeting.

### **COMMENTS & CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Tony Kandt (via Tirzah Sirken) shared that a customer of Finding Roots was in Livonia and found a book called *The History of Howell*, published in 1911.

Rick Scofield moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Bob Ellis supported, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

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Kathleen Murray, Recording Secretary