

Minutes of the Tamarack District Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

December 17, 2015

6:00 PM

Tamarack District Library

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:08 by Board President Cheri Chapin.

**Present:** Board members Cheri Chapin, Cindi Gigowski, Kathy Nerychel, Sue Draper, Pat Hinrichs, and Cathy Ackerson; Library Director Hope Nobel.

**Absent:** Jody Warner, Janet Johnson

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to accept minutes of the November 19 meeting was made by Hinrichs. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Janet Culey, president of the Friends of the Tamarack District Library, presented a brief report of the Celebration of the Seasons fundraiser, and thanked the Board members for contributing to the fundraiser in various ways. A preliminary estimate of proceeds from the fundraiser is \$6,300.

**Financial Report:** Nobel submitted a report of the fiscal year to date for the Board's review.

**Communications:** The Board reviewed and commented upon a letter prepared and sent by Nobel and Chapin in response to public comment at the November meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Budget & Finance:** Did not meet; no report. Discussed a meeting date in February.
- **Policy & Public Relations:** Did not meet; no report.
- **Facilities & Grounds:** Did not meet; no report.

**Director's Report:**

Beginning in the new year, the library will begin receiving interlibrary loan delivery three days a week instead of two, resulting in faster service for our patrons. This is possible in part through the Lakeland Delivery Committee of which Nobel is a member. Nobel attended an informational workshop on TIFAs in Michigan, and met with Lakeview's village manager to discuss the library's DDA payment. They will be scheduling a follow-up meeting after the first of the year. Nobel will be attending the ALA Midwinter conference in Boston at the beginning of January.

**Old Business:**

- **Trustee Workshop Report:** The Library of Michigan has paid for access to the ALA's Trustee portal for all trustees in the State of Michigan. Board members are encouraged to access this on their own, and Nobel plans to show short videos from the website at Board meetings in the new year.

**Executive Session:** none.

**New Business:**

- **Ad hoc benefits committee:** Nobel requested that Chapin appoint a committee from within the Board to discuss employee benefits and assist Nobel in the research process.

**Next Regular Meeting:** January 21, 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made at 6:42 by Gigowski. Motion carried.

Signed as approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder

Date

Signed as approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Chair

Date