**Beaver Island District Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**July 15, 2021**

Present: Behl (2022), Irmscher (2024), Fiegen (2022), Lyle (2022), Mitchell (2024), Randall (2022), Sramek (2024)

Absent: Foli (2024)

Other: Patrick McGinnity, Richard Speck

1. **Meeting called to order by Randall at 9:03 am.**
2. **Changes or additions to agenda:** Mitchell asked that a Book Club update be added to old business.
3. **Public Comment**: None
4. **Approval of Minutes**: Motion to approve minutes of the June 17th, 2021 Regular Meeting proposed by Fiegen, Sramek seconded—motion passed.
5. **Financial Report**: A motion to approve bills paid for June 2021 proposed by Sramek, Fiegen seconded—motion passed.
6. **Director’s Report**: McGinnity summarized the patron numbers for June 2021, noting that there are 2019 figures had been provided for a more meaningful point of comparison. The new circulation system is close to going live.
7. **Old Business**:
   1. Caitlyn Boyle memorial update

Mitchell updated the Board on the Songbird garden. Communication has been difficult but there has been progress on the project: Birdbath, plaque, glider, and feeders purchased; three crabapples bought and awaiting planting; mini library/birdhouse designed and ready to build; some tree removal completed, more to come.

* 1. Endowment discussion

There was a discussion of endowments, fundraising campaigns, donor recognition, and the like. There are two facets on which the Board will have to make decisions—how the endowment can be started and built up on a financial level, and how donors will be recognized. McGinnity agreed to look into how other libraries have dealt with the second (donor) part of that.

A motion to have the director work with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to set up an endowment for the Library proposed by Feigen, Sramek seconded—motion passed.

* 1. Book Club update

Mitchell updated the board on the how things are going for the book club. Membership is back up following the resumption of in-person meetings.

1. **New Business:**
2. Bill Johnson memorial

McGinnity explained that Bill Johnson left the library a generous donation in his estate. The family would like to see it going toward something in the gardens.

1. **Correspondence: None**
2. **Public Comment/General Comments**:

**Meeting adjourned 9:58 am.**

Next regular meeting:

**9:00 am, August 19th, 2021.**

-*Respectfully submitted by Patrick S. McGinnity, Director*