**Beaver Island District Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**Budget Hearing Minutes**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**March 25, 2021**

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

Absent:

Other: Patrick McGinnity, Richard Speck

1. **Meeting called to order by Randall at 9:04 am.**
2. Budget Hearing

Randall opened public hearing at 9:06 am. McGinnity presented the budget proposal from the Budget Committee, explaining the differences from previous years, including salaries and wages increase of up to 3%, and the addition of funds for capital improvements to repair gutters and a structural post at the front of the library and relighting the facility with LEDs. Otherwise, he explained, many of the budget lines are being left as they were in the FY 2020/2021 Budget, because 2020 was so unusual that aside from amending budget lines as needed, 2019 is a safer year to use for comparison. The board discussed the budget. No public were in attendance. Randall closed the public hearing at 9:27 am.

1. **Changes or additions to agenda:** Mitchell asked that a proposed contribution be added to New Business.
2. **Public Comment**: None
3. **Approval of Minutes**: Motion to approve minutes of the February 18th, 2021 regular meeting with the change that Mitchell did not abstain from the vote on item 5, “Approval of Minutes,” but instead voted Aye, proposed by Mitchell, Lyle seconded—motion carried.
4. **Financial Report**: A motion to approve bills paid for February 2021 proposed by Sramek, Foli seconded—motion carried.
5. **Director’s Report**: McGinnity summarized the patron numbers for February 2021. Numbers continue to track around 50% of last year. Voting for the Clarke Historical Library Digitization grant is ongoing. Kathy Tidmore’s resignation from the board after several years of service was noted, and a “Thank You” card will be sent.
6. **Old Business**: None
7. **New Business:**
   1. Board Update

Final Big Read funds have been received. Social distancing and masking to continue in the Library until state and/or local health officials recommend relaxing restrictions.

* 1. Budget Amendments

Motion to approve FY 2020/2021 Budget amendments as presented proposed by Smith, Lyle seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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|  |  | **Member:** | | **Vote:** |
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|  |  | Fiegen |  | Aye |
|  |  | Foli |  | Aye |
|  |  | Irmscher |  | Aye |
|  |  | Lyle |  | Aye |
|  |  | Mitchell |  | Aye |
|  |  | Randall |  | Aye |
|  |  | Sramek |  | Aye |

Motion Passed.

* 1. Budget Resolution

Budget Resolution offered by Sramek, supported by Irmscher.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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|  |  | **Member:** | | **Vote:** |
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|  |  | Fiegen |  | Aye |
|  |  | Foli |  | Aye |
|  |  | Irmscher |  | Aye |
|  |  | Lyle |  | Aye |
|  |  | Mitchell |  | Aye |
|  |  | Randall |  | Aye |
|  |  | Sramek |  | Aye |

Resolution passed.

* 1. Mitchell Proposal

Mitchell mentioned that she and her husband were interested in donating to create some sort of memorial to Caitlin Boyle at the Library. Audio books and a songbird garden were both discussed. She will coordinate with the Director and the family. The board was very supportive of the idea.

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

Sramek mentioned that private support might be found to assist with the electrical updates to the library.

**Meeting adjourned 10:07 am.**

Next regular meeting:

**9:00 am, April 16th, 2021.**

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