

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library  
Board of Trustees**

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Alpena County Library Board of Trustees was called to order on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 4:00 pm. by President Joseph Garber.

**Present:**

Board of Trustees: Joseph Garber, Dustin Budd, Lauren Mantlo, Quintin Meek

Staff: Debra Greenacre, Beth DeCaire, Jessica Luther, Don La Barre

Friends: Brenda Rae

**Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Budd with support from Meek to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Mantlo with support from Budd to accept the minutes from the December 20, 2023, regular meeting. The motion passed.

**Financial Reports:** The Financial Reports were reviewed. Garber directed it to be filed as presented subject to final audit.

**Review and Approval of Bills:** It was moved by Budd and supported by Meek that both sets of bills as presented be approved. The motion passed.

**Director and Leadership Team Report:** The written report was reviewed. Greenacre added that she is working on strategic planning and the millage renewal.

**Friends of the Library Report:** Rae shared that the Friends will be paying the deficit for the purchase of the book bike.

**Public Comment:**

Major Prezza Morrison of the Salvation Army shared her appreciation to the Friends of the Library for the Blizzard of Books Distribution, she stated 400 children received books.

Mark Hunter, Alpena requested that promotion and marketing of the endowed fund established at the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan be started. Luther acknowledged the request and will follow up.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Bylaws:** A draft version of proposed board bylaws was reviewed and revisions were suggested. Greenacre will make the revisions and present them at the February meeting.

**New Business:**

- A. Collection Development Policy:** A revised policy was presented to the board. It was moved by Meek with support from Budd to authorize Greenacre to request the attorneys with Foster Swift review the policy before approval. The motion passed.
- B. South Riverfront Park:** La Barre presented a draft proposal for utilizing South Riverfront Park as a library greenspace for programs and activities. He shared that he has been coordinating with Kevin Fisher at the City of Alpena to examine options for the physical space and funding possibilities.
- C. Other:** Garber requested that the February 2024 regular board meeting be rescheduled. The consensus was to move the meeting to February 28, 2024, at 4 pm. Luther will locate a venue for the meeting due to library programs being scheduled for that time.

**Public Comment:**

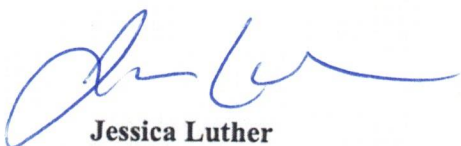
Traci Collins of Lachine asked how many requests for reconsideration resulted in a change in the location or removal of an item and how many requests had been received. Meek requested that Greenacre and Luther follow up with Collins to answer those questions. Collins also suggested the board renew their bylaws annually.

Mark Hunter of Alpena stated that he thought limiting the number of times a patron can submit a request for reconsideration limits a person's right to petition the government. He also felt that limiting the number of times an item can be reviewed for a challenge would not address differences in reasons for challenging the item.

**Adjournment:** Garber declared the meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
**Joseph Garber**  
President

  
**Jessica Luther**  
Recording Secretary