

FLAT RIVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
APPROVED MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

Chairperson Darci Ward Cole called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Present: City of Greenville: Chairperson Darci Ward Cole
Eureka Township: Jan Wheelock, Maureen Burns
Fairplain Township: Dawn Wyckoff, Vanessa Marr
Montcalm Township: Doug Crawley, Pam Nichols

Absent: City of Greenville: Laurel Christensen

Others Present: Stefanie Reed, Director
Jim Marr
Lisa Day
Ailie Weaver

Wheelock moved to approve the Agenda after moving the Audit Presentation to the top of the agenda. Supported. Unanimously approved.

Burns moved to accept the Minutes of October 11, 2023. Supported. Unanimously approved.

There were no public comments.

Ailie Weaver from Maner Costerisan presented the Report on Financial Statements (with required supplementary information) for Year Ended June 30, 2023. The Library is in a sound financial position. Ms. Weaver thanked the Library staff for their help in the preparation of this annual report.

Nichols moved to accept the accounts payable portion of the treasurer's report for October 2023. Supported. Unanimously approved.

Wyckoff moved to accept the monthly financial portion of the treasurer's report for October 2023. Supported. Unanimously approved.

Director Reed reported on the month's activities which included many successful programs. The staff benefited from a day-long in-service with sessions from the Readers Advisory and the Library of Michigan and presentations on mindfulness and wellness. The day was a positive experience for the staff. Director Reed also introduced the development of a community-focused podcast titled "Flat River Front Porch". Reed continued with an overview of updates from Building and Grounds, Lakeland Library Cooperative, and staff activity during the month. The Library will participate in the seasonal United Way Food Drive and Toys for Tots. The Library continues to receive many memorial donations.

Wheelock inquired about the availability of sensory materials as extra assistance for patrons' enjoyment of the Library. Director Reed offered some examples of items already in place and will look to add to these in the future.

Unfinished Business: Crowley moved that the Board pursue shifting an existing savings account to a CD at the best current local rate. Supported. Unanimously approved.

New Business: Director Reed reported that Strategic Planning Focus Groups have been held, facilitated by Carol Dawe. The community Focus Groups part of the process is coming to an end. Next will be collecting the findings from the focus groups in order to move forward with the Strategic Planning process.

Next Board meeting is December 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Nichols moved to adjourn. Supported. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Nichols
Acting Secretary