Salem Township Library Board Meeting March 18, 2021

Meeting attended by: Stacy, John, Connie, Amber, Joy, Sharon, and Wanda

Meeting called to order by Stacy at 7:02 PM.

Approval of agenda motion made by John, seconded by Stacy. All ayes.

Approval of minutes from January 21, 2021 and March 4, 2021 meetings. Motion to approve made by Stacy, seconded by Amber. All ayes.

Treasurer's report of January 2021 and February 2021. Approval of treasurer's reports motion made by Joy, seconded by John. All ayes.

Public Comment: Patron cannot medically wear a mask. Voiced concerns on how the library staff responds to medically exempt patrons. Stacy will check on state policy concerning libraries when curbside pickup is available. She will follow up with staff and the patron. The patron also shared gratefulness for Hoopla availability.

Library Update

Sharon shared stats concerning library use and how Salem Township compares to other local libraries. Hoopla use is increasing. Online story time continues to be popular.

Old Business

Capira Mobil has been updated to work with the checkout scanner.

Curbside service availability continues, but a majority of the patrons come inside.

Hoopla also offers free reads.

The library and the township building collected 76 jars to be donated to local food pantries.

All Adult Winter Reading Program participants will receive a prize if their completed form is turned in by the due date.

A few participants have already turned in their entries for the New Year's Challenge program.

Bibliocore is still coming.

Discussion concerning quarantining items. Decision to continue as is and discuss again in May. Staff members are concerned about keeping themselves and patrons safe.

LLC Fine Policy is to not issue fines until September 1, 2021.

New Business

Considered and discussed bids to update library lighting to LEDs. Motion to proceed with the less expensive bid made by John, seconded by Joy. All ayes.

Considered and discussed Air Filtration proposal. Motion to purchase made by Amber, seconded by John. All ayes.

Summer Reading Program will begin on June 15, 2021. To follow COVID restrictions, outdoor activities will be planned, along with zoom events and take home crafts. Prizes will be awarded in book bags.

Library By-Laws were reviewed and discussed. Distinction was made for sections pertaining to Library Board Trustees. Motion to approve by-laws made by Joy, seconded by John. All ayes.

Point made that new library director and at least one library board member should attend township meetings in Salem and Overisel Townships.

LLC Group purchases will include Amazon Prime at no cost for the first year and membership with The Library Network. Also a limited amount of Book Page copies that include book reviews will be available for our patrons at no cost.

John discussed information concerning the Open Meetings Act in Michigan.

Sharon was presented a bouquet in appreciation of her 44 years of service to our community. We are grateful for all the time and energy she has shared with the library. An open house is being planned in recognition of her retirement.

Motion to adjourn made by John, seconded by Amber. All ayes.

Next Library Board Meeting May 20, 2021 at 7 PM.