

Salem Township Library Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021

Stacy called the meeting to order 6:58 PM. All attending were Stacy, Jim, Joy, John, Connie, Amber, Sharon, and Wanda.

Amber and Joy were introduced and welcomed as new library board members,

Election of new officers. Stacy continues as president, Jim is the treasurer, and Connie is the secretary.

All looked over the Agenda for the January 21, 2021 meeting. Joy made a motion to approve the agenda, John seconded. All ayes.

All looked over the Minutes for the September 17, 2020 meeting. Motion to accept made by John, seconded by Jim. All ayes,

Sharon gave the Treasurer's Report for September, October, November, and December 2020. Motion to approve the report made by Jim, seconded by John. All ayes.

There was no public comment.

Library Update

Curbside service is going well.

Storytime is available on YouTube. Lisa is doing a fantastic job with this and crafts are available to pick up curbside.

Old Business

Capira Mobile App is available.

Materials continue to be quarantined for a week.

Hoopla was released in October. Use has increased each month as more become aware of this option.

New Hire to replace Irene is Jennifer Brown. She is friendly, helpful, and fits in well.

The no fine policy continues until March 31. Several items checked out over the summer have still not been returned.

New Business

Reminder to add 2021 library board meeting dates to our calendars.

Bibliocore search starts in June.

Library policies need to be reviewed and we'll discuss some at our next meeting.

Jars of peanut butter are being collected curbside at the library until February 28. They will be donated to the Allegan County Food Pantry.

Discussion to decide if the library should open with restrictions or continue with only curbside. Also, should hours be changed to offer more consistency? Jim made a motion to reopen the library with restrictions and begin with new proposed hours on February 1. Curbside will continue to be an option. Seconded by Amber.

At least two distanced computers will be available for patron use. Suggested 30 minutes time limit.

Rob Miller Electric sent proposal to change lighting to LEDs. After some discussion it was decided to question retrofit details. Will seek more quotes and contact electric company to question potential savings if we switch.

Letter to the Board

Sharon announced her plans to retire on April 15. She will share a copy of the letter she read with board members. We are very grateful for the decades of time and effort she has shared with our community through our flourishing library. She is willing to assist however she can as the board searches for a new director and has provided the board with director certificate requirements. The board will meet soon to prepare a job description to be posted and plan the hiring process.

Motion to adjourn made by Stacy. Seconded by Joy.

Next official library board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2021 at 7 PM.