Library Board Meeting 12/21/17

Members Present: Elaine Ebeling; Leigh Rupinski; Margaret Wheeler; Carol Scholten; Patti Walcott

Members Absent: Barb VanderVeen; Lenore Cook

Also present: Bethany Nettleton

**Director’s Report**

* Library was closed due to power/internet/phone outage over the past weekend (caused by sewer work)
  + Did not call a mis-dig
* Currently library having water leak (fire suppression system) and furnace (sensor malfunction) issues
  + No materials have been damaged
  + If furnace issues turn out to be related to power outage/sewer work they would have to pay
* Library will need a new server – needs to be replaced due to age
  + $2500 estimate
  + Notified Township already
* Budget was not realistic previously – overspending
* Grant money used for audiovisual materials
* Donation received for $2500 from a Foundation
  + Library staff has asked for new ergonomic chairs
    - Bethany knows someone at Herman Miller that might help them get discounts on chairs (5 chairs total)
    - Fire Department would get the old chairs because they don’t have any
    - Should leave money over
  + Also need a new server
* Holiday hours
  + Closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1, 2
  + Vote: approved unanimously
* Old Board by-laws found
  + Margaret will work on edits to propose for next meeting
* Lakeland report of collections usage
  + Unclear which collections are which by title (double Spanish collections; children’s numbers do not match)
* Township should know who owns the vacant lot next to the library
* Possibility to add a playground by the room for the library expansion
* Evaluations coming up for staff
  + Bethany will meet with Rob to get his input
* Information Rob provided in reports
  + Upcoming events/programming
  + Attendance at past events/programming
  + Statistics for materials
  + Grant possibilities
* Bethany’s report on planned events:
  + With elementary school, partnered for an author visit from Michigan Reads (April)
  + Money program for kids also sponsored by the state (April)
  + Magician visit in the spring
  + Getting movies back on track
  + History speakers
  + Crafts
  + Events for adults – starting to plan
    - The multipurpose room is often booked up
* Bethany sent the events for January to the Announcer as well as news of her hiring
* Margaret: set up a meet-and-greet with Bethany and the community in the New Year (“New Year, New Books, New Director”)
* Bethany: push donations for the library
* Rob’s 50-for-50 program (donate $50 when the library turned 50)– put a name on a plaque – may never have been completed –50 years was 2017
  + Can put out a last push to donate before its finish
* Bethany has only received a couple of applications for Board member vacancy – will post on Facebook and the webpage
* Push Friends of the Library in the new year
  + Need to mirror the model from the previous effort to make this building
* Who could we talk to about improving signage for the building?
* We will meet again on January 18th then will move to a every two-to-three month schedule