**Beaver Island District Library Board of Trustees**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 20th 2015**

Present: Lyle, Martin, Mitchell, Moore, Rehkopf, Tidmore, Welter

Absent: Jones

Other: McGinnity, Speck

1. Meeting called to order by Welter at 9:00 am.
2. **Changes or additions to agenda**: The discussion of the millage was moved up so it was included in Speck’s presentation of the financials. A discussion of services to shut-ins was added under New Business. A discussion of a remote attendance policy was added under Old Business.
3. **Public Comment**: None
4. **Approval of Minutes**: Motion to approve minutes proposed by Lyle, Moore seconded, Martin and Rehkopf abstained—motion carried.
5. **Financial Report**: Speck presented the May financials. Motion to approve financials and bills paid for July proposed by Moore, Rehkopf seconded—motion carried. The millage proposal was discussed here rather than in new business out of respect for Speck’s time. Speck alerted the Board to a problem with the millage for 2016.  The District Library millage expired and a new millage needs to be voted in sometime in 2015. The library has missed the deadline for getting the millage on the November ballot, which is the final election this year.  Speck and McGinnity agreed to pursue a solution immediately.
6. **Director’s Report**: July numbers were down slightly from last year, though computer users increased by 56%. The booksale has broken records this summer, though it won’t show up until August’s financials.
7. **New Business**:
   1. **Remote Meeting Participation Policy:** The Board discussed the need for remote attendance, and agreed that it needs to be pursued. The two components of the change would be policy language that is open enough to accommodate changing technology, and the actual technology itself. It was agreed that we should extend a phone line to the meeting area, perhaps only for meetings, and that the library should seek to borrow the hardware from other organizations rather than purchase a conference phone. McGinnity agreed to research language to formalize this intent.
   2. **Services to Shut-ins**: Rehopf stated that it would be good for the library to have a presence at the Charlevoix Commission on Aging meeting in September to assess the needs of island residents who cannot access library resources as much as they might like.
8. **Public Comment**: None

Motion to adjourn proposed by Rehkopf, seconded by Moore—motion carried. Meeting adjourned 10:10 am.

*Next regular meeting:*

***9:00 am, September 17th, 2015.***

-*Respectfully submitted by Patrick S. McGinnity, Director*