**Beaver Island District Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**October 21, 2021**

Present: Irmscher (2024), Fiegen (2022), Foli (2024), Loder (2022), Lyle (2022), Mitchell (2024), Randall (2022), Sramek (2024)

Absent:

Other: Patrick McGinnity, Richard Speck

1. **Meeting called to order by Randall at 5:05 pm.**
2. **Changes or additions to agenda:**
3. **Public Comment**: None
4. **Approval of Minutes**: Motion to approve minutes of the September 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting proposed by Sramek, Lyle seconded— Roll Call:

Fiegen Aye

Foli Aye

Irmscher Aye

Loder Aye

Lyle Aye

Randall Aye

Mitchell Aye

Sramek Aye

**Financial Report**: A motion to approve bills paid for September 2021 proposed by Fiegen, Lyle seconded— Roll Call:

Fiegen Aye

Foli Aye

Irmscher Aye

Loder Aye

Lyle Aye

Randall Aye

Mitchell Aye

Sramek Aye

1. **Director’s Report**: McGinnity went over the patron numbers for September, which were roughly on par with 2020, but fell short of 2019. There was some discussion about school groups, an author event, and how events might be more effectively publicized.
2. **Old Business**:
   1. Project Updates

McGinnity and Mitchell updated the Board on the memorial garden work.

On the lighting upgrade, McGinnity reported that the project [which has since been completed] was mostly complete.

* 1. Library Endowment

McGinnity reported that the mass mailing has paid off, and donations are steadily coming in for book-spines—roughly $2000 in the first month. It was also reported the Sara Mullens, the BICS Art teacher, has expressed interest in teaching woodburning and having students work on the book spines. It was agreed that she should be asked to get a quote for the necessary equipment, with the idea being that the Library could purchase the equipment.

1. **New Business:**

It was noted that the meeting time needs to be updated on the township websites.

Sramek asked about website usage statistics, which could be important for future grant applications, and McGinnity agreed to find the data.

Randall announced that she will be resigning from the Board as she and her family are moving. Fiegen expressed appreciation for all she has done for the Library and the community as a whole, and the board agreed.

There was a question about the snow plowing contract, which McGinnity agreed should be posted ASAP, along with the gardening contract for next year.

Finally, Loder mentioned that the school is going to be doing some programming around the book, *The Women of Copper Country,* and asked if the book club members might like to participate.

1. **Correspondence: None**
2. **Public Comment/General Comments**:

**Meeting adjourned 5:53 pm.**

Next regular meeting:

**5:00 pm, November 21st, 2021.**

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