**Big Rapids Community Library**

**Library Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 11, 2019**

The Library Board meeting was called to order by M. Emerson at 5:30 PM.

In attendance: Mae Emerson, Catherine Johnson, Alma Wortley, Beth Schoenlein, Sharon Kuhn, Chris Cook (Assistant Director), and Lauren Moran (Director).

**Meeting Minutes**

The March 2019 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. The minutes were approved/accepted as presented.

**Correspondence and Communication** – None.

**Public Comment** – None.

**Financial Report**

*March 2019 Revenue and Expenditure Report from City of Big Rapids*. The report was reviewed. S. Kuhn made a motion to accept the report; C. Johnson seconded it. Board approved accepting the report.

**Circulation and General Statistics**

The circulation and general statistics were reviewed for the month of March 2019. The report was accepted and will be put on record.

**Director’s Report (Lauren Moran)**

The mission of the Big Rapids Community Library is to provide quality information and assure equal access to all materials using appropriate technologies. The Big Rapids Community Library staff is working together to accomplish the library's mission.

Provide Quality Information:

* Poetry Month and Gardening/Spring Displays
* How Does Your Garden Grow? program with local farms
* E-newsletter
* Reciprocal borrowing agreement with Crossroads Charter Academy

Assure equal access to all Materials Using Appropriate Technologies

* Chris Cook supplies technology classes and help
* Created a TV Series DVD Section
* Moved Teen Audiobook Collection to the 2nd Floor
* Shifted and weeded Juvenile Fiction to move Juvenile Audiobooks to the Juvenile Room
* Developing a Literacy Resource Page for the BRCL website

Other Projects Include:

* Mecosta County Reads
* Expo 4/27
* MOISD Early Lit Fair 5/15
* Farmer’s Market
* Breastfeeding Tent/Safe Sleep Early Literacy Information
* Children’s Book Week/Screen Free Week April 29-May 5th
* Received a $2,000 donation toward Playground from a grant through Livewell Mecosta

Upcoming Events:

* April 18th Poem in Your Pocket Day/Poetry in the Park
* Robert Downes 4/25 Biking Northern Michigan
* Family Expo April 27th/MOISD End of the Year Carnival for PreK at Eastwood 5/15
* Bob Eastman Reading for his collection of essays: *I Like That Word: The Daily Gripe Strikes Again* 5/21 at 6pm
* MET Presentation 5/14 at 6pm
* True Story Book Club discussion with *New Replica Dodge* author Natalie Ruth Joynton
* June 1st Mini Book Sale
* All Creatures Bat Program 26th
* Community Block Party June 27th
* Summer Reading Kickoff June 28th

**Old (unfinished) Business**

* Mission and Vision. The Board decided to move the discussion and editing of the Mission and Vision Statement to a future meeting. Lauren was asked to email the notes and possible suggestions, that she had provided to the Board previously in paper format, to all the Board Members.
* The Safe Child Policy and Adults in Children’s Room Policy were formally passed with a motion and vote by the Board Members. (It had been discussed at a previous meeting when there had not been a quorum present.) Lauren said it is being posted/displayed by the catalog in the Juvenile Room.

**New Business**

* Approval for reciprocal borrowing with Crossroads Charter Academy. Lauren has been talking to the Superintendent at Crossroads on this idea. The Board expects to be kept updated on this but are in favor of starting it as a pilot program. Lauren will provide more information as the program gets organized.
* Pursue Library Cards for all Big Rapids Public School Students. Discussion tabled for a future meeting.
* Trivia Night Fundraiser. Library is partnering with Ferris on this event, and it will be Saturday June 21, 7-8 PM. Seen as a family and team building event, hopefully to get 20 teams of 5. Beth Schoenlein is organizing this.

**Unscheduled Business** – Cathy Johnson thanked Alma Wortley for her service. This was her last meeting as a member of the Library Board.

Next meeting scheduled for May 9, 5:30 PM.

M. Emerson adjourned the meeting at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cook, Assistant Library Director