

# Minutes of the Indian River Area Library Board

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## Meeting of October 15, 2019

Meeting called at 4:45 pm. Present were Brown, Hill, Hull, Klco and Moutrie. Cole excused.

Hull moved and Moutrie seconded to approve the agenda; agreed.

Hull moved and Brown seconded to approve the previous minutes; approved.

Financial report: M. Klco reported nothing unusual, except our share of the carpet renewal of the Township Meeting Room, which was previously agreed by this Board, and some extra ordering of routine merchandise to take advantage of bargains.

Moutrie moved and Brown seconded to approve the Financials; approved.

K. Hill reported for Friends: Mah-Jong Tournament had 23 participants, mostly outside of this Township. They were asked to repeat, and will do so on Sept 16, 2020. Winners 1 and 3 returned their proceeds to the Friends, helping the net donations to Friends to be \$525.

Wine with Friends is scheduled for June 03, 2020. Membership drive was below expectations, people had already given. Next year they will mail requests for Friends donations. Volunteers will be cleaning out old books in Nov and Dec; and Friends will next meet in the spring.

Friends will be donating \$1900 to the Millage Campaign.

P. Brown reported on Director search. 8 persons applied, 4 were interviewed, 1 was offered and accepted. Rudy Wright is our new Library Director. A minimum of one week's training time with Klco was specified and will be exceeded. In addition, start of regular employment will be Nov 19. Salary plus 3 weeks' vacation (max 2 successive) and 2 months' notice of termination were specified. Thank you's were mailed to remaining applicants.

P. Brown <sup>Potoskey</sup> reported on a candidate to fill Board vacancy <sup>E</sup> - Alise Harrington. She was in Business in the ~~Detroit~~ area for 32 years, she works for 3 caterers in the summer, and is employed at Christopher's restaurant presently. She has 3 grown children and has not previously served on a Board. She is recommended by K. Cole.

Hull moved and Moutrie seconded that Alise Harrington be appointed to the Board; approved.

The Board discussed the upcoming millage increase proposal. It was noted that most northern Libraries already enjoy a millage in excess of the 0.6 mil we are proposing. Klco has created a Library budget with a carryover millage and the improved millage. 3098 persons are recorded in the Tuscarora Township census, and some of these are not registered to vote. R. Wright has

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suggested that we obtain a list of registered voters. The "yes" committee will be announced in February and Board members are urged to consider persons to be members of this committee. It has been suggested that an honorary chair be named, in addition to an acting chair, and that the treasurer position is important. As many volunteers as possible is encouraged. Several persons were discussed. At present, we are alone on the August ballot, which is a good thing. We must monitor the school ballot situation, which would be an unfavorable addition.

M. Klco submitted a suggested counterproposal to Kohler Township. There is no method for them to offer a portion of their allotted penal fines, only the full amount and only to a Library. Their next board meeting is expected in early November, and it was suggested that a Board member be present, in addition to R. Wright, if possible.

D.Hill described the renovation progress, and the Makerspace suggestions. It was agreed that the suppliers who did such a good job on the current renovation would be best for the remaining room, and that they could be sourced without delay. Major room redecorating will be scheduled for Jan-Feb. This topic will be discussed at each Board meeting.

New Business: The Broken Crayons Candles class has been filled. M. Klco has almost completed the State Aid report. MeL issues are being resolved. The Atrium contract is up for renewal, and Klco will decide. Brown solicited Board members for duties in the upcoming month. Tue Nov 29 will be an Open House in the Library to thank our outgoing director, Mara Klco.

Hill moved and Hull seconded a motion to adjourn; approved at 6:00 pm