

Indian River Area Library
Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2020

Meeting called to order at 4:50pm.

Present: Patti Brown, Patty Hull, Kathy Cole, David Hill, Kristina Moutrie, Elise Harrington, Rudy Wright

Approval of Agenda: Cole moved to approve agenda, seconded by Hull with D in New Business tabled. Guest did not make it.

Approval of Minutes: Hull moved to approve minutes from December 17, 2019. Seconded by Moutrie.

Financial Report: Hull moved to approve budget. Seconded by Harrington.

Public Comments - None

Friends Report: Wine Fundraiser June 3, 2020 from 6-8 at Crooked Vine Winery. Proceeds go to the Yes Committee.

Old Business: Millage - See page 11 on what it will cost taxpayers. 95% of libraries in Michigan have higher millages than we do at .3 mill.

Ideas on what we will offer with the passing of the millage:

More open hours

Improved technology

Support Inland Lakes Elementary School Library with a staff member

Library cards for all students at Inland Lakes

2019/2020 Budgeted expenses: \$166,400.00 (approx.)

Revenue: \$103,850.00 (approx.)

Shortfall: \$61,550.00 (approx.)

If we open on Mondays it will cost \$11,000.00 (approx.)

If we help support the elementary school in the library one day/week it will cost \$3,000.00.

One donor has donated \$65,000.00 in the last 5 years. The renovation was funded by donation only.

.3 mill = approx. \$72,000.00

.4 mill = approx. \$96,000.00

Dan Fletcher stated that school will match the 7 hours proposed with passing the millage with an aide in the library. He will get a volunteer group to shelf books in the elementary library. Superintendent Brad Jacobs and Elementary Principal Perrault are in favor and are looking for direction from us. We need to get the 300 untapped voters with parents of school children.

Average home value in Tuscarora Township is \$158,000.00.

See page 12 of board packet on visiting local organizations to share our need for a millage.

The Board discussed the need to change our decision from previous motion as a result of our Yes Committee meeting on January 7, 2020. The reason for the change is that the library wants to support Inland Lakes Elementary School by opening up the Elementary library which has been closed for some time. For this reason, we are resending our previous motion of .3 mill to .4 mill to get the elementary school library open. Motion by Cole to ask for .4 mill, seconded by Moutrie.

We will still be at the bottom 16% of all libraries in Michigan that are funded by millages.

Kohler Township has \$45,000.00 in escrow from penal fines. Topinabee Library will receive ½ of the funds and we will receive the other ½. We will receive \$22,500.00 after the contract is accepted. We will negotiate with Kohler to see who has the most patrons; Topinabee or Indian River Area Library.

Cole moved to pay 100% of Rudy's Kiwanis dues for 2020. Seconded by Hull.

Chris Knight declined honorary chairman for our Yes to our Library campaign but he will write a guest editorial for the Resorter to support the millage this summer.

Patti Brown and Patty Hull will close the safety deposit box at Citizens Bank.

New Business: Yes Committee time for February 11, 2020 is changed from 1:00 to 3:30 to allow parents/teachers to attend the meeting following school hours.

Plaque for Makerspace is being made in Memory of John E. Swearingen

Milage workshop in March - Rudy and Dan Fletcher will attend.

Directors Report: See pg. 14 of packet.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52: Motion by Cole, seconded by Moutrie.