



South Haven Memorial Library November 12, 2024 Minutes

Members:

Liz Smith –President
Jean Stein –Vice President
Marilyn Bertorelli –Treasurer
Marge Lampe -Secretary

Ida Sledge – Trustee
Gretchen Spreitzer - Trustee – absent
Elaine Shumaker- Trustee

Also Present: Elaine Fluck, James France, director

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by president, L. Smith at 6:57 p.m.

Approval of minutes for meeting on October 8, 2024: Motion to approve by E. Shumaker; motion carried. A copy will be sent to city council.

Approval of agenda for November 12, 2024: Motion to approve agenda M. Bertorelli; motion carried.

Public Comments: Asked if electric bills are increased due to new/more lights. J. France stated he has not noticed any.

Treasurer's report: Operations-**Total income:** \$183,193.82, **Total expenses:** \$41,297.17, **Vendors' bills** totaled \$117,997.11 for September. Motion to pay vendor bills by M. Lampe; motion carried.

Renovation Budget Report: Total Income: \$85,245.46; Total Expenses: \$0.00

Director's Report:

- Overdrive checkouts-998, MEL: Borrowed 327, Loaned 57; Patrons through doors: 4,286. Small meeting room uses: 80, Community Room: 2,382.
- J. France presents "Freedom to Read" legislation introduced to the MI House by MLA. The proposal mirrors SHML current policy.
- Programs:
 - Learn to play the Ukulele continues the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm
- November 28: Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 24 – 25: Closed for Christmas
- December 31: Close at 5pm
- January 1, 2025: Closed for New Year's Day

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- CD Rate Final Report: Per approvals at previous board meeting, Rates given for reinvestment of current CDs are: Honor CU 5 months @ 4.52%; Huntington: 5 months @ 4.0%
- **Investment Research Update:** MI CLASS – this investment firm was submitted by G. Spreitzer. Firm specializes in investing for institutions whose investments are guided by Rule 20. Board wants full board presentation, preferably at December meeting. L. Smith will reach out to G. Spreitzer to schedule.

New Business:

- Employee Benefits: J. France presented current health insurance proposals for staff eligible for that benefit. Current plan is a CAP Plan where the employer pays all. Also offered is an 80/20 plan where employee pays 20%. J. Stein moves to continue with the CAP Plan. All support, motion carries.

Board Comments:

- E. Shumaker asks about if Casco Township residents have access to this library. As they are in Allegan County, their main library is in Fennville.
- As announced last month, has the minimum wage rate and sick pay legislation been finalized? At this point it is still in process.
- M. Lampe asks about "Wall Garden" plan. Discussion about planning and research beginning now.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by M. Lampe; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Next regular meeting: December 10, 2024 – 7:00 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Margery Lampe, Secretary**