

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

June 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District was called to order at 4:31 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: (voting members): Sharon Gill, Robert Braam, Keri English, Patti Blatti, Jan Krekel, Julie Mason; Library staff: Ashley Hopper, Director; Nicole Silberman, Admin. Assistant

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:

MINUTES: Minutes from May board meeting were approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Filed for audit

PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Hopper reported that summer reading program is off to a great start and that it's nice to see people in library again. Letters were recently sent out to patrons who owe money to the library and received only a small amount of payments of the more than \$10,000 owed, resulting in 42 patrons who never returned their items being sent to collections. Further discussion about patron fines to take place next month.

ESSENTIAL BUSINESS:

New Trustee: Krislette Smeets was interviewed to fill the open position on the board. Trustee Blatti motioned and Treasurer English seconded the motion to appoint Krislette Smeets as library trustee. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer Vacancy: President Gill motioned and Trustee Smeets seconded the motion for Vice President Braam to remain as Vice President for his remaining term.

Serving Our Public: Secretary Mason reviewed and discussed Chapters 3 (Personnel) and 4 (Access). Treasurer English will review Chapters 5 and 6 for the July meeting.

Presentation of 2022-2023 Tentative Budget: Trustee Blatti motioned and Treasurer English seconded the motion to approve the 2022-2023 Tentative Budget as finalized by the Budget committee. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Operations & Hours Update: Discussed possibility of opening for more hours with the numbers of visitors still being well below normal. Vice President Braam motioned and Trustee Smeets seconded the motion to open the library to the public on Mondays, from 12-5pm, starting Monday, July 12. Motioned passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:32 pm

Respectively submitted,

Nicole Silberman, Administrative Assistant