



## Library Board Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Admin Office

126 E. Main St.

Ionia, MI 48846

**April 19, 2023**

### Minutes

**Call to Order:** President Yeomans called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**Members Present:** Stephanie Batista, Toni Ann Buys, Amy Fuller, Nancy Miller, Ashley Reisbig and Gale Yeomans

**Members Absent:** None.

**Guests:** None.

**Other Attendees:** Library Director Dale Parus, Manager of Library Operations Paula Wood and Union Representative Shanni Kerr

**Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** by Miller to approve the agenda, supported by Fuller. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Buys, supported by Reisbig to amend the agenda adding Ionia County Election Proposal as the second item under New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Previous Minutes:** **Motion** by Reisbig to accept the March 15, 2023 meeting minutes, supported by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** The March 2023 financial report was received and filed.

**Director's Report & Statistics Report:** The Director's Report and March Statistical Report were received and filed.

#### **Committee Reports**

--*Finance Committee (Batista, Parus & Wood):* No report.

--*Personnel Committee (Yeomans, Buys & Parus):* No report.

--*Policy Committee (Miller, Buys, Parus & Kerr):* No report.

--*Building and Grounds Committee (Fuller, Reisbig & Parus):* The Committee reviewed bids for the exterior painting and repair project on April 6.

--*Grant Committee (Yeomans, Batista & Parus):* None.

#### **Continuing Business:**



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--*Fundraising for the Future*: Buys distributed a Nonprofit Informational Sheet for discussion about the establishment of a 501(c)(3) to raise funds for the purposes of supporting and/or expanding the Ionia Community Library facilities, programs and/or activities. More information was requested by the board in order to make a decision.

**New Business:**

--*Exterior Painting, Soffit and Fascia Repair Bid*: Reisbig explained the review and selection process and the reasoning behind the Building and Grounds Committee recommendation to approve the proposal submitted by Greg Cook Builders. **Motion** by Batista, supported by Reisbig to accept the bid by Greg Cook Builders in the amount of \$52,350 for exterior painting and soffit and fascia repair. Roll call vote: Yeomans-Yes, Buys-Yes, Batista-Yes, Fuller-Yes, Miller-Yes and Reisbig-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

--*Ionia County Elections Proposal*: Ionia County Clerk Greg Geiger has approached ICL to use space on the first floor of the Mercantile building for a consolidated county-wide voting area for nine days in August 2023 and all the 2024 elections. **Motion** by Reisbig, supported by Buys to empower Parus to enter into an agreement with Ionia County to use areas of the first floor of the Mercantile building for Ionia County Elections in August of 2023 and all elections in 2024, contingent on the tax-exempt status of the Mercantile building not being affected. Motion carried 5-1.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** **Motion** to adjourn by Fuller, supported by Batista. Motion carried unanimously. President Yeomans adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is 6 PM Wednesday, May 17 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the ICL in the administrative office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wood  
Manager of Library Operations