

**Cass District Library  
Board of Trustees**

**Board Meeting  
May 23, 2018  
Minutes**

President Nancy Stoner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Local History Branch followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following trustees were present: Sandra Asmus, Alison Yeo, Patricia O'Connor, Mary Anne Hoebeke, Nancy Stoner (President) and Hank Yeomans (Treasurer). Also present were Director Jennifer Ray and Recorder Tim Wiggins. Absent was board member, Mary Dunn (Vice President).

**Agenda**

Patricia O'Connor moved to approve the agenda, supported by Hank Yeomans. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

Mary Anne Hoebeke moved to approve the April 18<sup>th</sup> Board minutes, supported by Sandra Asmus. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Hank Yeomans submitted his report revenues include \$959,326 Net Millage, USF Grant of \$9,683, State Aid \$0, Copies/Fax etc. \$4,301, Penal Fines \$0, Other Income \$27,889. Total revenues are \$1,005,489. Expenses include: Auditor Fee of \$6,350, Payroll \$1,263, Personnel costs are 59% of total expenses, Capital Improvements \$0. Automation \$25,806. Total expenses are \$437,868.

Report will be filed for audit.

**Director's Report**

**Imagine Cass: Embrace the Vision**

Cass County residents have had the good fortune of working with a team of professors and students from Michigan State University's School of Planning, Design and Construction. The school has launched the Sustainable Built Environment Initiative, partnering with several Michigan communities to develop plans for creating useful, appealing spaces. Imagine Cass focuses on the Village of Cassopolis, but it is the hope of County Commissioners and residents that improvements in Cassopolis will be followed by improvements throughout Cass County. At this second session, participants shared their thoughts and opinions on images depicting how buildings and streetscapes could be altered to enhance the look and feel of the Village. At the third and final session, the MSU team will share strategies and mechanisms that other communities have used to garner funding to make visions reality. Approximately 275 people attended the second session! Libraries play vital roles in vibrant communities. We will be contributors to and beneficiaries of enhancements on the horizon.

**Know any budding artists? T-shirt design contest now open!**

As part of our summer reading program, students have the opportunity to design a t-shirt logo related to this year's summer reading program theme, "Libraries Rock." The winning design will be featured on t-shirts that will serve as prizes for SRP participants that sustain their interest throughout the summer.

### **Mackinac Bridge Program**

May 9, author and historian Mike Fornes presented Mackinac Bridge-A 50 Year Chronicle 1957-2007. Thirty people (sadly, I missed out due to the Imagine Cass event) attended Mike's presentation-a decent turnout compared to the audience at some of our programs. We received positive feedback from many of these folks. History seems one of the biggest draws, and we are keeping this in mind as we plan for future programs. Mike also has a presentation on the Edmund Fitzgerald. He's booked quite a ways out for this one, but Shirley is hoping to offer it at Edwardsburg as soon as he can put us on his schedule.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Local History**

- Mr. Layman continues restoration efforts in his workshop. He has pledged to be back at it after Memorial Day.
- I have consulted Mr. Layman regarding assistance with the restroom restorations. He is interested in assisting with this project and will be bringing a restoration architect on site to assess the situation and make suggestions. He and the architect have worked together on other projects, assisting each other as friends. I'm not expecting any big bill for the site visit or plan development.

#### **Edwardsburg**

- Mickey Ottman from FM Construction will be on site at Edwardsburg this week!

#### **Main Library**

- In addition to addressing the problems at Edwardsburg, Mickey Ottman agrees to assess the problems with the sidewalk at the main library. He promised a visit to the main library this week or next. Mickey and his crew did fine cement work at Howard. I am confident that our patience will pay off.

#### **District**

- Director search: approval of posting. The members approved the job posting for the Library Director position.

### **New Business**

#### **Mason/Union**

- Mason Township officials feel that Comcast damaged a portion of the parking lot with heavy equipment. Comcast officials have visited the site and have spoken with Jan Dull. At this time, they have accepted no responsibility for the cracked, sunken sections of cement. We are waiting for additional information. I am hoping all will be resolved without ugliness or expense that rests with us. I will keep you up-to-date.

#### **District**

- Equalization paper work received. Projected 2019 income **\$1,070,035**. Nancy must sign the L4029.

Adjournment 7:40 p.m.

Nancy Stoner moved, supported by Alison Yeo. Motion Carried.

**Submitted by Tim Wiggins**