

Mullett Township Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

MARCH 3, 2020, MULLETT TOWNSHIP HALL – TOPINABEE, MICHIGAN, 6:00 PM

The Mullett Township Library Board of Trustees met at the Mullett Township Hall in Topinabee, Michigan, on March 3, 2020, at 6:00 pm. Members present were Hobart Kirsch, Rachel Osborn, Kathy Flory, Dennis Dombroski, and Warren Meyer. John Brown was absent with excuse.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment was opened at 6:03 pm and closed at 6:09 pm.

Library Director, Patty King, made the following report to the Board:

- Through February 29, 2020, (Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2020) the Library served an estimated 4000 patrons, which include 800 using the Internet, 1300 downloading E-Books, and 2700 books checked out. Almost \$500 in revenue was generated through fines, copies and overdue book fees. 180 children attended the Children's Programs and 42 adults attended the Adult programs, which began in October.
- Mrs. King reported that the Library has many ongoing maintenance needs which include painting and scraping the interior, replacing the carpet, all interior doors need replacing due to gaps throughout and not being ADA accessible (pictures provided for all preceding items); storage space needed, new lighting since light bulbs are no longer available for current fixtures, computer table is not ADA accessible, and new book shelving due to larger book sizes than the past.
- Mrs. King addressed the many issues involved with making the current space ADA accessible outside, and the number of stacks that would be lost inside due to the renovation to make in the inside ADA compliant.
- Mrs. King listed some of the programs they would like to see happen if they had more space which include both Youth and Adult book clubs, Story Time and Crafts for children, Computer Training classes, Mah Jong, Exercise groups, Teen Group Meetings, Kids' Computer Coding Classes, Lego Club, Proctor Testing, Tax Preparation for Seniors, Family Movie Night, and Mel Delivery (Northland).
- Mrs. King's recommendation, and that of her staff, was that the Library be moved to the Old Schoolhouse.

The Board announced that the pay for the Library Director was increased under the new Budget to \$15.00 an hour and the Library Assistants to \$13.00 an hour. The Board thanked Mrs. King and her staff for the thorough report and their hard work.

Detailed discussion about the future of the library followed Mrs. King's report about the feasibility of making the Depot ADA compliant versus the relocation of the library to the Old Schoolhouse. After laying out the pros and cons of each option the suggestion was made that both options have plans drawn and a cost analyses done to help in clarifying the Board's options.

Supervisor Kirsch adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm and immediately called the March Township Board meeting to order.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Osborn, Mullett Township Clerk
Denise Ackerman, Deputy Clerk
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