

Carpenter Carse Library Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 7:00pm via Zoom

Attendees: Katherine Kjelleren, Heather Roberts, Paul Lamberson, Jim Jarvis, Emily Alger, Marianna Holzer, Catherine Moller, Susan Evans McClure and Beth Royer

Secretary's Reports:

Minutes from the April 28th meeting were reviewed. Emily moved to accept. Marianna 2nd. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Reviewed the P&L. Account balances are fine. We're at 97% of expenses. 3rd quarter changes from the accountant have not been incorporated yet.

Susan moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Emily 2nd. Approved.

Directors Report:

The first in-person story time was held outside under the covered porch and was a great success. Those 2+ were wearing masks and children younger than 2 were just distant from one another.

Beth has received quotes for treatment of the 3 ash trees near the library and the cost is higher than expected. She thinks it may be too late in the spring to do it this year so we will re-address next year. Emily made the point that they provide great shade and it would take a long time to replace. Katherine suggested perhaps we could ask patrons to sponsor tree preservation?

Beth has ordered 3 Adirondack chairs and a patron offered to purchase a 4th. 2 will be dedicated to former staff, Jane Racer and Sara Donegan.

Library is re-opening by appointment in the short-term and the staff is feeling OK about it. Time slots are ½ hour each with 10-12 people per slot.

The intersection project will resume on June 16th, after school is out for the summer. They made note of our concern about the absence of a guardrail at the culvert.

Marianna moved to accept. Jim 2nd. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Facilities:

Solar project – We agreed to the solar agreement; why is the lease different? Roger Kohn identified concerns about onerous language in the lease.

Jim proposes sitting down with Paul Lesure and the lawyers from both sides with a copy of the solar agreement and the lease to get on the same page. If we have a simple lease that conforms to the solar agreement, we are ready to move forward.

Paul expressed a strong commitment to implementing solar on the library for many reasons: cost savings, climate benefits, example to the community. If the agreement language is less than perfect, we should still consider moving forward because of all of the benefits. Other board members are in agreement and are still committed to the solar project.

Jim confirmed that Paul Lesure is still committed to the project as well and Jim will follow up with him to express our continued interest. Paul will follow up with Roger Kohn to be sure he knows the library's perspective.

Heather will ask her husband, Keith Roberts, to review the lease for us as well.

When and if Roger feels the lease is ready to sign, the Board authorizes Beth to sign on behalf of the library.

Old Business:

No date yet for a BBQ fundraiser with Hill Market & Deli. Catherine will check with her friend on Friday.

New Business:

Beth doesn't think that there are plans for the Friends of the Library to do a book sale on the 4th of July. They are focusing on their garden tour fundraiser in June.

Jim moved to adjourn. Marianna 2nd. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 23rd at 7:00pm. We will plan on meeting in person outside. If any member of the Board expresses a private concern to Katherine about this plan, we will instead meet by Zoom. Adjourned at 8:05pm.