

Library Committee
September 28, 2023

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Carly Mulliken.

In-person attendees: Carly Mulliken, filling in as Chair for Cindy Nelson; Suzanne Ihrig, Branch Manager; Kelsey Stone, Ephraim Business Council; Grace Held, Member; Mary Wilson, Member.

Virtual attendees: Cindy Nelson, Chair; Lane Methner, Ephraim Business Council.

2. Previous Minutes:

Motion to approve the previous minutes by Grace Held; seconded by Mary Wilson, all ayes.

3. Visitor Comments:

None noted.

• Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was tabled until the November meeting due to the Treasurer's absence.

4. Librarian's Report:

Suzanne Ihrig reported that the Village Maintenance team washed the exterior windows and shampooed the carpeting; both look much better.

Suzanne Ihrig covered summer highlights in a follow-up email due to time constraints.

Ephraim Library Bookmobile derby car will be driven by Kiel Larsen in Sister Bay's Fall Fest derby race on October 15, 2023.

Motion to approve the Librarian's Report by Grace Held; seconded by Mary Wilson, all ayes.

5. Old Business:

Due to the age of the windows, paint, and carpeting, the Committee agreed to proceed with drafting a letter to the Village Board outlining needed updates. Cindy Nelson will draft the letter.

Carly Mulliken procured carpeting quotes: CarpetOne submitted two quotes for \$6,300 and \$6,900 (better quality carpeting). Carly has used Carpet One for her own carpeting. Macco submitted one quote for \$9,550; they included every possible line item in their quote.

The September StoryBook Walk boards were taken down over Labor Day weekend; both Suzanne Ihrig and Cindy Nelson reached out for an explanation, but haven't received responses. We will not put up any new StoryBook Walk boards until we receive confirmation from the village.

6. New Business:

C. Christmas in the Village

a. This year's celebration will mirror what was done last year:

i. Cindy Nelson will contact ukulele group to book them to play at the library.

- ii. We'll also have cookies, a warm drink, Take and Make Craft kits for adults and children, guessing games of some kind; Christmas themed books for kids, prizes.
- iii. A meeting will be scheduled in early November to finalize plans.
- iv. Suzanne Ihrig has a fund specifically for Christmas programming.
- v. The Committee is leaning towards having our open house from 2:00 – 3:00, same as last year.

7. Future Discussions:

Justin MacDonald requested that the agreement between the Village of Ephraim and Ephraim Public Library be reviewed; the Committee will discuss how to proceed at our November meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date:

TBD in early November.

9. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 by Carly Mulliken. Motion to approve by Grace Held; seconded by Mary Wilson, all ayes.