

## Florence County Library Meeting

August 10, 2023

The Florence County Library meeting was called to order by President Jason Neuens on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 4 PM in the library meeting room.

Members in attendance were: Jason, Jan Gehlhoff, Mike Theis, Fran **Modschieder** (serving as alternate member) and Debbie DeMuri. Lisa Freeman and Ed Kelley were excused. Stephanie Weber, Librarian, was in attendance.

- Notification of meeting notices were posted by Stephanie.
- On motion by Fran, seconded by Jan to approve the agenda with additions of a resignation notice and discussion of By-laws. Motion carried.
- On motion by Jan, seconded by Jason to approve the April minutes. Motion carried.
- On motion by Debbie, seconded by Fran to approve the April – July bills. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- Stephanie had reported to Bill that the public bathrooms were not cleaned, trash and recycle had not been taken out during the past week. During the heavy rainstorm, a leak at the entrance area of the Wi-Fi damaged a ceiling tile which was then replaced.
- The six summer reading programs were well attended by families in the area. Mr. Larry Warren had a recent presentation on Loons in which 52 people attended.

### New Business:

- As of now, paperwork for the 2024 budget has not been received. If completed before the October meeting, a special meeting may need to be called.
- Stephanie has been notified of the Board resignation of Jim Dunkel. The secretary will write a letter of thank you to Jim for his past years of service.
- Copies of the By-Laws were given to members for their review at the next meeting. With Jim's resignation, a new community member will need to be appointed by the County Board chairman.

### Library Comments:

- The library will be closed from August 14-17 for a "deep" cleaning by school staff.
- Individuals continue to support the library with donations.
- Stephanie and staff continue to have training through NFLS.
- In May, NFLS presented the library with two grants: \$575 service grant earmarked for large print books & \$450 Youth Service Grant earmarked for summer materials.

### NFLS:

- Jan attended a finance meeting in Minocqua. Due to library's support by those in attendance, the Nicolet Federated Library had an increase in budget of \$142,000.

### Friends:

- Debbie reported the Friends participated in the county-wide rummage sale, netting \$2,400. This was twice what we reported in past years due to a large number of new items from a generous

donor. These funds support the programming such as the Loon presentation, upcoming music with Bob Larsen, summer reading entertainers, etc. Two children's craft kits are available from September through May for families to take home and work on together. Books on the Bus will continue again this year with books for 4K-3 grade being placed in the seat covers by the National Honor Society students. Books for our Little Free Libraries are placed around the county. Fran indicated the one at the Tipler Town Hall is used often with donations of books always coming in.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12 at 4 PM in the library meeting room. A special meeting may need to be called to approve the library budget.

Debra DeMuri

Secretary