09-21-2026 Leelanau Township Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Present: Rick Gans, Amanda Kruk, Jamie Scripps, Dale Lersch, Mark Morton
Absent: Mary Robertson
Staff Present: Julie Alpers-Preneta, director
Friends and Public Present: Anne Harper and Patty Noftz via Zoom

I. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:02pm
II. Rick moved to approve the 8-17-26 meeting minutes with the amendment to correct the changed date for the next meeting, Dale seconded. Unanimous approval.
III. Public Comment: Anne Harper hopes the board will discuss concerns about financial operating costs of running the new building including sewer bill, HVAC, gas, electric and also if the building goes off the tax roll what will the village lose?
IV. Director's Report
    A. A good summer! Another month with many new cardholders and good numbers on notary services, usage numbers rising as well. Will be closed Sept 26 for UnCaged again. Discussed upcoming events including FOLTL membership meeting, which some Library Board Trustees are planning to attend to be available for sharing information.
V. Financial Report
    A. 5 months into the Fiscal Year now, budget looking good. Discussion about payments made to Robin for creating the brochure, Hopkins Burns, future campaign consultant, etc. determined payments related to the campaign should all come from Capital Campaign funds. We still need a Line 801.4 Consultants for things unrelated to the new building.
    B. Rick asked Julie for an update on the auditor's request to show unendowed LTCF-held funds in our financial report, Julie indicated that the conversation about how to include them is ongoing between Marilyn and Lynn.
    C. Rick updated that a CD came due and he rolled it over into a 3-month CD
    D. Discussion about Property Tax Capture. To address concerns, Mark shared that the Library has been operating on a surplus since the millage was approved in anticipation for this move and has approximately $300k in the bank. Rick looked up NPG's property taxes: just under $14k goes to Township, $3400 goes to Village. So the Village would lose $3400 per year in tax revenue, which Rick assured was very small compared to the Village's entire tax revenue.
    E. Jamie asked if ReThinking gave us any data regarding economic benefit to a new library, suggested that we could point to potential benefits which might offset any loss. ReThinking may be able to supply that information if it is not already in the report.
    F. Rick moved to accept the financial report, Jamie seconded. Unanimous approval.
VI. Old Business: None
VII. New Business
    A. Dale shared a consultant proposal from Quinn Consulting Associates for discussion. Board needs clarification about Richard Quinn's proposed monthly retainer vs. flat fee for the feasibility study, and financial commitment.
        1. Rick moved to approve the $15k flat fee for feasibility study pending clarification of the terms of the proposal and input from the Capital Campaign Committee, Amanda seconded. Unanimous approval.
    B. Option Extension- Mark clarified that in his discussion with Michelle she affirmed their willingness to extend to March 2027 and plan to keep NPG open through 2026. Rick is confident we will close by March. Discussion about grants available.
        1. Rick moved to accept amendment to the option to purchase real estate with Gimme Shelter LLC, Jamie seconded. Unanimous approval.

C. Update of Bylaws regarding appointment of Trustees to reflect Michigan law. Rick moved to modify our bylaws section 12 as recommended. Dale seconded. Unanimous approval.
D. Book Mobile - Julie shared a new project proposed by Chelsea from Leland Library to collaborate with county libraries to bring a library van to places to increase access to library resources. Many details to be worked out, but the Library board confirmed interest in participation.
E. FAQs - discussion. Want to add info about financials (tax increase, operating costs, village revenue loss) and what the library is already doing to raise funds (grant opportunities, etc). Amanda will send the board a streamlined option of the FAQs and also suggested that the library have a page for the project that includes the FAQs with short answers and drop downs for longer answers.

VIII. Public Comment:
A. Patty shared that the OWL microphone used by the board does not seem to be effective.
B. Anne suggested that FAQ #2's wording could be changed to "what are the limitations of the current library"

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm

Next Meeting: Thursday*, October 22 at 7pm.

*Please note that the day is *Thursday* instead of the usual Monday to accommodate the Free Speech, the First Amendment, and Michigan's New anti-SLAPP law speaker event on Monday the 19.

Notes recorded and respectively submitted by Amanda Kruk, secretary