

Northville Public Library

Board of Trustees

December 17, 2024, Minutes

Present: Alisha Rivera-Holmes, Rich Cole, Mike Feldman, Stella Williams, Beth Junquera, John Knapp

Absent: Shirl Doherty, Cristen Shepard

Stella Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Secretary's Report: John Knapp made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Feldman with the correction of the spelling of two names. All approved the report.

Treasurer's Report- Mike Feldman provided detailed reports on disbursements and account activity. Rich Cole questioned where the charge for the smart thermostats should be deducted, either the Building Fund or the Tech Fund. Mike Feldman asked if the purchase of books from Amazon should come from non-tax dollars and stated that a program line should be implemented. Mike also emphasized that donations must always be deposited into the Memorial Fund. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved. (Williams, Cole)

John Knapp made a motion to approve the bill payment, which Feldman seconded and unanimously approved.

Endowment Report: The Endowment monies have been held exclusively in CDs. During the January 2025 meeting, a representative from Morgan Stanley will present on managed accounts. The CD matures on January 30th.

The BOIR (Beneficial Ownership Information Report) has been filed. With Alisha Rivera-Holmes as the contact (Registered agent)

Director's Report: Alisha Rivera-Holmes provided stats on library usage. Teen Programming has six students regularly coming to Dungeons and Dragons; the last Teen Book Club had 3 participants. Sophia Daigneault is working to attract more interest. Thirty-one kindergarten and first-grade Edinburg students visited the library for a book, a craft, and lunch upstairs. Grants are being applied to defray security camera costs. When the construction grant money comes in, the funds will be returned to the endowment fund.

Michael Feldman made a motion to go into executive session at 6:51 pm, seconded by Knapp, with all parties in agreement. The executive session concluded at 6:59 pm with all voting aye. (Feldman, Knapp)

Buildings and Grounds: The furnaces are now in good working order, and as soon as Wi-Fi is properly reconfigured, TrueTemp will install the smart thermostats. These thermostats can control temperature and send alerts in the event of a malfunction. Rich Cole talked to Officer Rick Richardson about the possibility of the police department having a real-time feed of the library monitors. Discussion of choosing a third-party electrical provider continued. Cole explained that Nexamp Energy could guarantee a one-year rate dependent on the government solar grant. The kilowatt charge will be less, and the company will make the change arrangements with National Grid as we convert. Rich made a motion to switch the library electrical supply to the third-party supplier, Nexamp Energy. Feldman seconded the motion, and the decision was unanimously approved.

Long-term Planning: The committee will meet after the holidays; the date will be determined.

Old Business: The Friends withdrew their support for funding a security system when it was determined that Mahoney Alarms is subscription-based.

New Business: Mike Feldman motioned to override the tax cap levy limit on the 2024-2025 Budget. Rich Cole seconded that motion with all members voting Aye. Rich Cole brought up the poor condition of the carpeting. He questioned if the replacement expense could fall under a Construction Grant consideration. Rivera-Holmes said that she would ask Eric Trahan of MVLS. Estimates for the work will be obtained. Alisha Rivera-Holmes presented a draft of the 2024-2025 Library Budget. Mike Feldman would like to look line by line and move some of the expenditure items, as well as a more precise breakdown of each item. Mike Feldman also suggested that we have the American Heart Association conduct CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator) training soon.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 6:30 pm

Adjourned: 7:24 pm