

LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 11, 2023

Board Members Present: Jennie Berkson, Bret Crimmins, Berkley Duck, Michael Fleishman, Alan Hartwick, Laurie Lisuk

Board Members Absent: None

Invited Guests: None

Public: None

Staff Present: Mark Morton

Berkley Duck, President, called the meeting to order in the Munnecke Room at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held 8/14/2023 were unanimously approved.

Capital Campaign Report

Berkley reported that progress is being made with grant requests, but it is unlikely that the effort will generate more than \$100K. We are moving forward with the quiet campaign. Letters have been mailed to the list of approximately 50 potential significant donors generated by the Campaign Committee. The letters will be followed up with calls seeking to schedule meetings. The Library's request for a ruling from the Michigan Attorney General that it is exempt from the Charitable Solicitations Act has been granted.

Financial Report

Mark reviewed the financial report included with the meeting materials. He noted that the legal and accounting expense lines will need to be adjusted, and a question was raised regarding the accounting for the expenses incurred in connection with the capital campaign. It was agreed that the Library needs to open a brokerage account for the purpose of receiving donations of securities to the capital campaign. Mark will explore our options.

Director's Report

The director's report included with the meeting materials was presented with no unusual items. Mark noted that the Munnecke Room chimney is leaking. The Township has been informed, and Mark has arranged for it to be repaired. The Friends will be making their regular annual solicitation for donations.

Old Business

Expansion and Renovation Project. Mark will be meeting this week with Seth Penchansky for an update.

Library operating millage. Mark noted that our millage revenue will increase because of the increase in property values. The timing for a vote on the millage is still undetermined.

New Business

Audit Report. We had a clean report with no reservations about our policies and procedures. On motion duly made and seconded, the audit report was unanimously accepted.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Berkson
Secretary