

**LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 10, 2023**

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

Board Members Absent: None

Invited Guests: Mary Fleishman, Frank Mead, Sandy Thomas, Cheryl Van Zee

Public: None

Staff Present: Mark Morton

Call to order

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 6/12/2023 were unanimously approved.

Leelanau Summinars

Mary Fleishman and Frank Mead from Leelanau Summinars presented a proposal to transfer the programs and other assets of the organization to the Library. They are an incorporated 501(c)(3) with about \$18K in reserves. Frank outlined the operation of the Summinars programs. He hopes that the “Summinars” branding will be carried forward and the concept converted into a year-round program. Mark reported that the Library staff is interested in the proposal. The Board members concurred. It was suggested that Chelsea prepare an outline of the staff’s role in the production of the programs. Mary and Frank will present the idea to the Leelanau Summinars Board and bring it back to the Library Board in August for further consideration.

Capital Campaign Report

- Berkley noted the recommendation from the Campaign Committee that the committee be restructured as a committee of the Library Board. Donations to a public library are tax-deductible and, if grantors require that the recipient be a 501(c)(3) organization and are comfortable with a pass-through of the funding to the Library, then those donations would be made to the Friends. On motion duly made and seconded, the forms of the pledge letter and Pledge Management Agreement, revised to reflect this restructuring, were approved.
- On motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the formation of a Library Campaign Committee and Berkley and Laurie were appointed to that committee as Board representatives along with Sandy Thomas, Sue Dennis, and Cheryl Van Zee from the Friends. Caitlin Watkins has resigned from the Friends Committee. There was a discussion of possible additional members from the community, and Berkley and Laurie were given the authority to designate 4 to 5 people willing to act in that capacity. The committee will then designate a chairperson.
- Sandy Thomas provided a status report on foundation grant applications.
- The structure of the events on July 22 and July 25 was reviewed.

Financial report

The financial reports were presented with no unusual issues.

Director's Report

The Director's Report was provided with no unusual issues. Mark reported that the book sale on July 8 was a success with final revenues to be determined.

Old Business

Mark provided an overview of how millage-supported libraries in Michigan approach their funding, as information for the Board's review

New Business

The Old Art Building has presented a proposal to the Library and Leelanau Historical Society to establish a Cultural Campus Zoning Overlay District that would encompass the property now occupied by the three organizations. The Board agreed this had positive elements and will look forward to future developments.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting, August 14, 2023, at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Berkson
Secretary