

Library Board Meeting 09.21.2020

1. Call to order (7:04 p.m.) –Robert was not in attendance so Judy ran the meeting
2. Attendees: Marty Ferman, Stacey Stutcher, Mikey Keating-Smith, Judy Goldsmith, Manjula Kaza
3. Mikey moves to approve minutes, Stacey seconds.
4. Statistics, June, July, August – no foot traffic, no money coming in – still many books circulating – thanks to Marty for donating paper bags – donations are welcome of paper bags of different sizes to bag books.
5. Friends Liaison report: Marty stated there has not been a lot of activity since the last meeting. The October book sale is cancelled but it is not known when it will be rescheduled. \$9,300 in library funds at this point. Judy added that nothing could really happen until library reopens. Additionally, many of the volunteers who help with the book sales are immunocompromised or high risk so it is difficult to plan activities. Until the library is open, they cannot really do anything, unfortunately. A check was received from Better World from \$175 – this is a company that accepts used books and pays for them.
 - a. Question: Is there anything to be done with textbooks? Anne stated that at this point recycling is the only option.
 - b. Question: Is there any programing that had been planned by Joyce that can be continued – yes, remotely. Adult programs are all-remote and have been continuing throughout the summer.
6. Anne's report:
 - a. Joyce Krom has accepted a full-time position in the Mt. Clemens Public Library. Adult programs are continuing.
7. Old business: Library steps were to be completed in August but they are not as of yet.
8. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Banned Books Week: September 27-October 3, 2020. **The 2020 theme, "Censorship is a dead end. Find your freedom to read during Banned Books Week"**
 - b. **Art Workshops for Adults, September 16, 7:00 PM "Out of the Box"**
 - c. **Books Discussion Group, September 21, 7:30 PM, "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng**
 - d. **Online Film Discussion, September 23, 6:30 PM, "The Graduate"**
 - e. **Entrepreneur Karen Bonnici, Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 PM**
 - f. **Art Workshops for Adults, October 14, 7:00 PM "Agam Inspired Wall Art"**

9. New Business:

- a. We have signed up for tutor.com to help with parents teaching remotely and applied for a grant to purchase laptops for circulation.
- b. STILL looking for a student rep and a now a secretary as well. Judy will put the information for the student rep on Nextdoor.
- c. Madison Heights is opening for computer usage only.
- d. Meeting Dates for 2020-2021
- e. Manjula mentioned that her term is up at the end of the year and asked how she would go about renewing her position. Anne mentioned that we are also looking for a secretary. Mikey volunteered to take the position over.
- f. Stacey announced that she is moving, but only 6 houses from her current house on Amherst in Pleasant Ridge (46 Amherst).
- g. No libraries are open in this area aside from Oak Park, although Anne is not clear on how they are faring. Most of the HW library employees are furloughed at this point besides Anne, Jesse, Kate and Suzy. Karen is not running gallery events at this time.

Move to adjourn (7:32 p.m.): Stacey, seconded by Mikey.

Next meeting: October 19th