

**Library Friends of Cook County Board of Directors Meeting
May 14, 2018 at Grand Marais Public Library**

Present: Lorrie Oswald, Jan Smith, Mary Beams, Dennis Kaleta, Diane Fitzgerald, Jack Miller, and Duane Hasegawa Absent: Agatha Armstrong and Mike Shelmeske

Mary Beams (Board President) called the meeting to order at 5:14pm.

The minutes from the 3/19/18 board of directors meeting were reviewed. Jack Miller moved to approve the minutes without changes. Denis Kaleta seconded the motion. Ayes all.

The treasurer's report from January, February , and March, 2018 were reviewed. Jan Smith moved to approve them all. The motion was seconded by Dennis Kaleta. Ayes all.

Today's meeting agenda was reviewed and unanimously approved without changes.

Old Business

Bylaws. Lorrie Oswald led a subcommittee of board of directors to review our bylaws. Minor changes were made and the amended bylaws were reviewed today. Lorrie Oswald moved to approve the amended bylaws document. Diane Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Ayes all. The document will be signed by the board secretary and notarized. A copy will be sent to each board of directors and will be attached to today's meeting minutes for public review. A copy will also be kept at the Grand Marais branch of the North Shore Federal Credit Union.

2018 Grant awards. At the March meeting the board of directors agreed to distribute the majority of our existing checking account balance to the libraries whom we had awarded earlier this year. In addition we also decided to award other community groups with direct involvement in childhood education and literacy. We were fortunate to have received donations earlier in 2018 to make these additional awards possible. The recipients and amount of additional grants are:

ISD 166	\$3000.00	Sawtooth Mountain Clinic	500.00
Great Expectations	900.00	Cooperation Station	500.00
Birch Grove	500.00	Cook County YMCA	500.00
Grand Marais Public Library	4000.00	Grand Portage Head Start	500.00
Oshki Ogimaag	500.00	ISD ECFE	500.00

The plan is to make these distributions prior to our annual book sale this summer. We will also provide a 2019 grant application form and a covering letter to this year's recipients. Dennis Kaleta moved to approve the spring 2018 grants and the motion

was seconded by Jack Miller. Ayes all. Lorrie will contact Cooperation Station and the Cook County YMCA. Duane will contact Sawtooth Mountain Clinic and ISD 166 ECFE and will contact Agatha Armstrong about the Grand Portage Head Start program.

New Business.

Jack Miller said that we will need to dispose of books not fit for our annual sales. The recycling center is not able to absorb the large volumes of books that we have previously transported to the center. There are no other recycling centers willing to accept used books in Lake or St. Louis County. We discussed using (and paying) City Hall for its dumpsters. We also discussed the need to rent a dumpster to use for books that are not sold at this summer's annual book sale.

Duane Hasegawa discussed off site storage facilities in Grand Marais. There are no firm offers but he will check on available sites this month. He also discussed the use of City Hall for book sorting and storage for the latter half of 2018 and beyond. City Hall facilities do not appear to be a likely option for future use.

We also discussed the need to communicate closely with Grand Marais Public Library if we are not able to accept used books on their site starting this summer. Currently we have limited storage space as we approach the book sale.

We briefly discussed opportunities to reach out to Thrivent Choice Program. We discussed participating in the Cook County Volunteer Fair on May 31st. No decisions were made at this time about these potential fundraising possibilities.

We discussed the Imagination Library program headed by Dolly Parton. No decisions were made about connecting with this program as a source for children receiving books.

Mary Beams has scheduled our next Board of Directors meeting for Monday June 18, 2018 at 5:15 PM at the Grand Marais Public Library.

There being no additional old and new business, Jack Miller moved to adjourn the meeting and Lorrie Oswald seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Hasegawa
Secretary

