

Three Rivers Public Library
920 W. Michigan Ave.
Three Rivers, MI 49093
26 August 2014
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Mary Anne Blood.
2. Members present were Myrtle Butler, Sarah Embil, Joye Briggs, Cindy Fenwick, and Annette Ashby. Joe Nowicki was absent.
3. There were no visitors.
4. There was no public portion.
5. The agenda was approved with the addition of New Director under Communications.
6. The minutes for 22 July were approved as presented. (Blood, Butler)
7. Circulation statistics were reviewed. Discussion followed the comparison of statistics by year. Adult check-outs were down while children check-outs were up. Perhaps the increase in the use of e-readers on the part of adults was the cause.
8. Financial statements were reviewed and approved for payment. (Butler. Embil)
9. Our new Director, Melissa McPherson, will start on Tuesday, 2 September 2014. The staff has planned a welcome pot luck to greet Melissa to the library. The board is planning a welcome later in the month. Everyone is excited to work with the new director.
10. In old business, Sarah said that Larry Harris, the landscape architect directing the project, has met with YA librarian Beth Neff to discuss the "fit" of the permaculture project she directed with the vision he has developed. Mr. Harris will complete phase one of the project with a blueprint to share with members of the community.
11. Reports:
 - A. Library software has been upgraded.
 - B. The children's section of the library is now complete and looks very inviting and children are enjoying the new look.
 - C. There was discussion about the pull-out drawers for CD storage. Annette offered to visit the Marcellus Library to get their input on the drawers they have in place.
 - D. The new kiosk is in place in the front of the library advertising upcoming programs and special events.
 - E. Board minutes are now available on the library website. This should improve communication between library and community.
 - F. The board commented on the summer adult programs put in place by staff member Michelle Phelps. They were fun and interesting.

- G. A piano was recently donated to the library and there was discussion on ideas to protect the instrument from “enthusiastic” dabbling.
- H. Deborah offered to purchase 3-ring binders for board members collection of board packets.

12. Adjournment (Embil, Butler) The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Next meeting is 23 September 2014 at 6:00.

Submitted by,

Annette Ashby, Secretary