

Negaunee Public Library Board
10:15 a.m., September 21, 2021
Pavilion, Jackson Mine Park

1. Call to order
2. Secretary's Report
3. Public Comment
4. Financial Report
5. Communications
6. Librarian's Report
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Summer reading final numbers, for real!
 - b. Michigan Humanities grant update
 - c. Jeanne Sandstrom memorial plaque update
 - d.
8. New Business
 - a. Back to Phase 2
 - b.
9. Adjourn
 - a. Next meeting: October 19, 2021
 - b. Officers:
President: Al Sundine
Vice President: Laura Jandron
Secretary: Eyre Becker

Negaunee Public Library Board
Minutes for August 17, 2021

Members present: E. Becker, L. Jandron, A. Sundine, M. Sylvester and J. Holman, Library Director.

Meeting called to order at 10:16 a.m. by Pres. A. Sundine. Minutes of the meeting on July 20, 2021, as submitted by M.Sylvester, were approved.

Public Comment: None.

Financial Report: All bills were paid as of August 1, 2021.

Communication: None.

Librarian's Report: Librarian's report was provided in the board packet. J. Holman reports that the Phase 4 reopening has been going well, with most patrons compliant with the mask and temperature check requirements. She will be attending Lakeview School's open houses on August 24 and August 25, and Negaunee Middle School's open house on August 25.

Friends of the Library will meet September 14 at 1 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

1. Phase 4 mandates are still in effect and will continue until further notice.
2. The summer reading final numbers are as follows: 91 adult entries with 5 prize packages (up from 2020 numbers of 58 entries and 3 prizes); 63 kids with 16 completing the program and 3 teen participants with 1 finisher.
3. Township data. Mr. Heffron is asking for data regarding penal fines, state aid and library card numbers on a per capita basis in hopes of a new contract and ultimately a millage. J.Holman will be attending the next Township meeting.

New Business:

1. Phase 5 has been tabled. Jessica adds the the virtual story time is going well
2. The board suggests combining the large print books into the main stacks.
3. M.Sylvester inquired about the amount of time it takes for new releases to reach the library. The answer is dependent on Baker and Taylor's stock and could be as soon as a month or two after the release.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56

Respectfully submitted,



Eyre Becker

Negaunee Public Library Board Secretary

Negaunee Public Library

Financial Report

September 21, 2021

All bills were paid through September 1, 2021.

Bills to be paid October 1, 2021:

Baker & Taylor	450.49 (books)
Charter/Spectrum	48.98 (monthly internet)
MicroMarketing	141.88 (audiobooks)
	51.00 (large print)

To Whom It May Concern:

Our Mother, Joyce D Beer, loved coming to the Meigaunee Library because she was treated so kindly by Jessica and Shelley. She referred to them as the "Library Ladies".

Our Mom was legally blind and could not speak due to a stroke.

She had a difficult time communicating with people, but had no problem with Jessica and Shelley. The "Library Ladies" always greeted her with a smile and a warm Hello. They helped her pick out her talking books which was a great help to her. They treated her kindly and respectfully.

Jessica and Shelley, we want to thank you for your kindness. Please accept this donation to the library in our Mom's name. Joyce D. Beer

Sincerely

The family of Joyce D. Beer

Darlene Cravens - Bucla TX

Susan Graves - Kenosha WI

Don Stuffer - Las Vegas NV, Helen Palmer, Las Vegas NV

Sandee Hawkins - Sulphur, LA

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Librarian's Report

Phase 4 (browsing and computer appointments) was nice while it lasted.

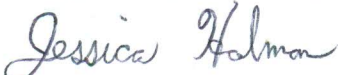
The library is back to Phase 2 (expanded curbside services) through Saturday, October 2. After that, the city manager and I will reassess the situation, based on the local case numbers. The decision to roll back was based on the Negaunee Senior Citizens Center halting their social programs after hearing from several clients who had COVID-19. Furthermore, we learned that there was at least one confirmed case at Negaunee Middle School, and that one of our Friends was recovering from the disease. We are also aware of a number of cases being "breakthrough," where the infected person was fully vaccinated.

This was an easy decision from a logical standpoint, but the emotions behind it are not easy whatsoever. It is very frustrating to need to do this, especially when most patrons have complied with our mask mandate. We have been having issues with compliance with the temperature checks and other minor items, though. We hope that the community is understanding, and continues to be supportive.

Our online storytime will continue for the time being. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt has extended its permission to libraries to use their books for live-streaming storytimes, which we can keep online until their permission ends in December. This is wonderful news, because this is a popular program.

Lakeview Elementary School's open house nights changed to be a single night, so I only registered 10 cards at the event. Four cards also resulted from my presence at the Negaunee Middle School open house. The seventh grade English teacher, Allison Fisher, has partnered with me again to get library card registration packets to her students (card-holders get extra credit) this fall. The Friends group is considering offering a pizza party challenge for the Lakeview class with the most card-holders in March 2022.

Respectfully submitted,


Jessica Holman, director