

Negaunee Public Library Board
10:15 a.m., June 14, 2022
Reading Room, Negaunee Public Library

1. Call to order
2. Secretary's Report
3. Public Comment
4. Financial Report
5. Librarian's Report
6. Communications
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Summer reading has begun!
 - b. State aid update
 - c. Library board and township contract update
 - d.
8. New Business
 - a. Upcoming events
 - i. Farmer's Market table
 - ii. Pioneer Days author signing, July 6
 - iii. Friends book sale (Senior Center), July 7
 - b.
9. Adjourn

Next meeting: July 19, 2022

Officers:

President: Al Sundine

Vice President: Laura Jandron

Secretary: Eyre Becker

Negaunee Public Library Board
Minutes for May 10, 2022

Members present: E. Becker, L. Jandron, A. Sundine, and J. Holman, Library Director. Excused: M. ^{Sylvester}~~Waters~~

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Pres. A. Sundine. Minutes of the meeting on April 12, 2021, as submitted by E. Becker were approved.

Public Comment: None.

Financial Report: All bills were paid as of May 1, 2022.

Communication: None.

Librarian's Report: Librarian's report was provided in the board packet. J. Holman reported that state aid for 2022-2023 will be reduced and that while property values are increasing, financial support from our municipalities has not increased. If the library board, city and township agree upon a new service agreement the deficit should be rectified. On a positive note, pre-pandemic activities are resuming at the library.

Unfinished Business:

1. Dillon Geshel from Superiorland Library Cooperative met via Zoom to discuss the library board status. Pursuant to Public Act 164; the Negaunee Library Board *should be* a governing body as opposed to an advisory one; meaning the library would have full control of its budget and expenses and may act independently of the governance of the municipalities. As a governing body the Negaunee Library Board could play an active role in the current contract negotiations with the township. A decision to move forward has been tabled until June 14.

New Business:

1. Upcoming events for the library include:
 - a. Dedication of the Sandstrom plaque 5/10
 - b. Library tours for 7th graders 5/11
 - c. Friends book sale 5/17
 - d. Summer reading/concert with Troy Graham 6/13
 - e. Jessica's vacation 5/20-5/23

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 with the next scheduled meeting to be held June 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Eyre Becker

Negaunee Public Library Advisory Board Secretary

Negaunee Public Library

Financial Report

June 14, 2022

All bills were paid through June 1, 2022.

Bills to be paid July 1, 2022:

Baker & Taylor	275.63 (books)
Charter/Spectrum	48.98 (monthly internet)
MicroMarketing	186.61 (audiobooks)
	26.35 (large print)
Midwest Collaborative for Library Services	2,654.50 (annual courier fee)

This is a slight decrease from last year. The Superiorland Library Cooperative and even downstate cooperatives have been advocating for more equitable prices for Upper Peninsula libraries, which have paid significantly more than libraries below the Mackinac Bridge.

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Librarian's Report

The summer reading programs have begun. As this report was written prior to the events, numbers for the programs after the first day will be available at the meeting. Monday's programs included the normal online storytime, the ability for families to pick up summer reading kits, and Troy Graham's concert. Adults are also welcome to begin handing in book reviews for the chance to win prizes from local businesses.

Last month, I participated in a study through the University of Kentucky, regarding virtual storytimes. Maria Cahill, associate professor in the School of Information Science, College of Communication and Information there, virtually attended a couple of our storytimes and met with me over Zoom to discuss our Facebook Live programs. Patrons who utilize our program were also asked to fill out online surveys. The library was compensated with an Amazon gift card.

The Dungeons and Dragons sessions might double this summer. During the school year, I was running an after-school game as part of the North Star Montessori Academy D&D Club (one of six games through the school! Very popular); that's going to temporarily be a Negaunee Public Library program as I continue running the game for the seven youth. A volunteer who ran one of the other after-school games is also willing to run a summer game for the library; this will be open to newcomers who want to learn how to play. So far, no one has signed up for that, but interest may increase as youngsters come to the library for summer reading.

I'm also trying a new program this year, based on the wildly popular children's series of books, the Wings of Fire. The Peter White Public Library held a program based on it last year. The first meeting is this Wednesday, and we'll see where the kids want to go with it. Ideally, it might result in a book club and a group similar to the Junior Teen Advisory Group, which can plan a themed event for later in the summer.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Holman, director