

Dorothy Hull Library
Windsor Charter Township
Library Board Minutes
March 17, 2022

Present: Watson, Wood, Gould, Kyler, Sanders, Runels, Wagemaker
Excused Absence: Robbins
Also Present: Linda Reznick

President Watson called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion by Runels, support Gould to approve the February 22, 2022 minutes with the correction of the spelling for Gould under Financial Reports, and the correction of the word photo on page two under Information. Motion Carried 5-0.

Financial Reports: Motion by Runels, support Gould to approve the February Financial Report pending audit. Motion Carried 5-0.

Old Business:

a. Personnel Policy Revision. Motion by Gould, support Kyler to approve the Personnel Policy Revision. Motion Carried 5-0. Sanders suggested the policy be reviewed by legal counsel.

b. Health Emergency Policy revision. Motion by Runels, support Gould to approve the Health Emergency policy revision. Motion Carried 5-0.

c. Millage Discussion. Linda Reznick, Citizens for Dorothy Hull – Windsor Township Library Committee Chair, stated that in speaking with community members, there were a lot of unanswered questions regarding the need for a millage, some persons even asking “why do we need a library?” Somehow or other there is a need to reinforce the fact that having a local library enriches the community as a whole. But the question before the Board was: can the community be informed enough before an August election, or should the millage vote be held over to 2023, thus allowing more time to answer the communities concerns and possible misconceptions. Discussion. Sanders was concerned that operating funds would be diminished and/or depleted before 2023.

Now that the census (population growth) has moved the library into a Class 3 library, the operating functions have changed. For instance, legally the library would no longer be able to operate as it did years ago with just one librarian, etc.

Motion by Watson, support Wood that we explore finding and/or hiring a media consultant either by in-kind services or paid for out of library funds. A Roll Call Vote was recorded as follows: Ayes: Wood, Watson, Kyler, Gould, Runels Nays: None Motion carried 5-0.

Further discussion on current library staffing needs.

Motion by Watson, support Runels that Sanders be authorized to hire additional staff as needed to provide relief for herself and Wagemaker.

A Roll Call Vote was recorded as follows: Ayes: Kyler, Wood, Watson, Gould, Runels Nays: None Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by Wood, support Gould that we delay the millage vote until 2023 to allow time to do committee outreach on the value of the library in the community.

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows: Ayes: Runels, Kyler, Wood, Gould, Watson Nays: 0 Motion Carried. 5-0.

Motion by Watson, support Kyler that Sanders contact Ann Seurnyck regarding the change in our timeline for a millage election.

Motion Carried 5-0.

d. Michigan Townships Association/Par Plan grant application. Sanders reported that we received less than what is needed for the handicap entryway. To do both doors would cost \$6,000. Sanders will explore the possibility of finding someone in the community to match the grant.

e. Library Services and Technology Act grant application. May 31st, 5 p.m. is the deadline to rewrite the application. The grant is for park benches with solar-powered WiFi hotspots and charging stations in village green spaces. She also stated that she will be using "Dorothy Hull-Windsor Township Library" in the application.

f. Library Goals for 2022.

Motion by Runels, support Gould that the Dorothy Hull Library Goals for 2022 be accepted as presented. Motion Carried 5-0.

New Business:

a. Storywalk® plans for spring and summer:

With the permission and support of the Village of Dimondale, the book "Worm Weather" will be offered at the Lions Park for spring. "Can I Play, Too?" will be offered at the corner park (basketball court area) for the summer pickleball season in both English and Spanish. Business sponsors have been established for both.

b. Discover Dimondale May 14 - 10 to 4 p.m.

The library will be closed that day but Reznick said the Yes Committee would take care of a proposed display of historic photos in front of the library building.

c. Memorial Day Parade. The theme for the library's parade presence will be the summer Reading theme of "Oceans of Possibilities," and the possibility of finding a purple octopus is being explored. Reznick said the committee will also help.

Information, Announcements, etc.

a. Library Director's report: (a) Received and read. (b) The informational "Snapshot" flyer was presented and discussed. Although appreciated, some wording will be revised. (c) Sanders reported that the shredder died. Repair and replacement options are being explored.

b. The Circulation Report was received and read.

c. Committee Reports: (1) The work of the Citizens for Dorothy Hull – Windsor Township Library Committee will replace the Community Engagement Committee. (2) there was no report from the Finance Committee, (3) The Fundraising committee was removed from the agenda as its current ad hoc work is complete and future work will involve Reznick's committee.

Communications:

a Memorial and other donations. \$2400 may be forthcoming from the Dimondale Masons. \$135 was received from other memorial donations, and others are expected. The Board suggested the monies be applied towards collections with support from Sanders and Wagemaker.

Adjournment:

Motion by Runels, support Gould that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried.
8:05 adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Inge M. Kyler