

**HERRICK DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 2023**

Holland, Michigan
June 29, 2023

Members Present Kleinheksel, Becker, Kool, Marroquin, Petzak, Rutan, VanAllsburg

Member Absent Dewey

Staff Director Kooiker, Assistant Director Williams, Circulation Manager Betcher

2023-56 **Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion by Kool , 2nd by VanAllsburg, the agenda was approved at 4:01 p.m.

2023-57 **Consent Agenda**

Upon motion by Kool, 2nd by Petzak, the consent agenda items were approved.

2023-58 **Citizen's Comments**

There were no citizen's comments.

2023-59 **Friends of Herrick District Library**

The annual book sale was very successful with the Friends earning over \$12K. The Book Nook has closed through the renovation. The Friends will maintain blue book carts for cash only book sales at both locations.

2023-60 **Director's Report: April 2022**

1. Library Programs: This year more than ever, you will find our staff out and about in the community doing programs with various partners and finding creative ways to do programming in limited space. Staff are doing storytimes at the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays, working with the ODC on many programs, and utilizing the outdoor space at Herrick North. Summer reading programs are in full swing. We have limited programs at the main library for the rest of the calendar year and will do what we can to continue the good programming and partnerships that we have.
2. North Branch Playscape is complete. Outdoor Discovery Center's team has completed the work on this project. We will have a small grand opening on Friday, July 14, 2023 so please watch for more information on that celebration.

3. Collection and staffing moves: Many offices and collections have been moved in the library. Sara will give more of an update on the communications that we have sent to our patrons. Here are some of the collection and office changes:
 - Genealogy collection has moved to the quiet reading room.
 - AV collection has moved to the area in front of nonfiction.
 - Children's nonfiction collection, graphic novels and Spanish collections have moved to the team section.
 - Children's Junior Fiction, Readers, and Picture books have all moved into the auditorium along with play space on the stage area.
 - Dwayne and many of the public services team have moved offices to the Main Floor Meeting Room.
 - Groundworks is collocated in the Main Floor Meeting Room and some of the equipment is located outside of that room.
 - Collection and Digital Resources offices are now located in the Teen Activity Room.
 - Book Nook has closed and is cleaning out those areas.

4. Mission moment: Anne Pott from youth services shared this story with me this week:

A couple of weeks ago, our new partnership with Renew Therapeutic Riding Center started in earnest! Through their new program Renew Reading Wranglers, kids have the opportunity to sign up to read to a horse which (much like programs where kids read to dogs) can be a great low-pressure, zero-judgment setting for kids who may be struggling readers to practice and improve their skills.

I dropped off a bin of library books for the kids to use to read to the horses so they would have a decent variety of popular books to choose from. Four kids registered for the first session and since it was the first round, I offered to stay in case they needed extra help. I'm glad I did because I saw some very heartwarming moments!

The staff at Renew set the kids up so they were out of earshot of everyone but their horse and the kids read for about 30 minutes. One kiddo was named Will and the horse he read to was also named Will, so that was adorable. The kids showed the horses the pictures in the books as they read which was also adorable. One particularly powerful moment was when I learned that one of the kids in the program struggles with selective mutism, and while no one was close enough to hear if she was actually speaking, she was definitely at least mouthing the words to her horse. How amazing if something so simple as reading with a horse could help her overcome some of that anxiety! This is a pretty awesome organization to be partnering with!

2023-61 **President/Trustee Comments**

Trustee VanAllsburg has been reappointed for another term. Trustees Marroquin and Kleinheksel are almost through the process of being reappointed for another term. Board Officer Election in July. Please let Diane know of your desire to run for office. Board meeting next month will start at 4:30 PM and will be held in the North Branch Meeting Room.

2023-62 **Committee Reports**

Building Committee did not meet in June, next meeting Sept 14, 2023; Finance Committee next meeting is August 10, 2023; Policy/Personnel next meeting is July 13, 2023.

2023-63 **Contract Ratification**

Upon a motion by Becker, 2nd by Kool, a motion passed to ratify the contract for the union members as presented for the term of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2028

2023-64 **Request for Projection Study to Freeze Division 70 - MERS**

Upon a motion by Marroquin, 2nd by Rutan, a motion passed to approve the request from MERS for a projection study.

2023-65 **Revised DC Adoption Agreement - MERS**

Upon a motion by Becker, 2nd by VanAllsburg, a motion passed to amend the current Defined Contribution Plan with an effective date of July 1, 2023, to fit the newly ratified contract.

2023-66 **MERS Contribution Addendum**

Upon a motion by Kool, 2nd by Becker, a motion passed to change the agreement of the DC plan to be an 8% contribution from the library with a 0-2% contribution from the employee.

2023-67 **Holidays and Closures from 7-1-2023 to 6-30-2028**

Upon a motion by Rutan, 2nd by Petzak, a motion passed to approve the holidays for the term of the union contract.

2023-68 **Gifts**

Upon a motion by Becker, 2nd by Petzak, a motion passed to accept with thanks the gifts to the library from the previous month.

2023-69 **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Rutan, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM

Submitted by Sara DeVries, HDL Board Clerk