

**BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MEETING MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**July 20, 2022**

**Meeting was called to order at 4:02pm** by President Paula Lake. Present were Paula Lake, Jane Sullivan, Diana Heller, and Megan Barnard. Audrey Pittinos was absent. Director Amanda McLaren was also present.

The agenda was approved as sent.

The June 15,2022 Public hearing and regular meeting minutes of the Board Meeting on June 15,2022 stand approved as sent.

**Communications:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Accepted the report as presented by Treasurer Diana Heller.

**Director's Report:** Director McLaren expanded on her reports which were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. She pointed out that it is great to see library usage going back to pre- covid levels. There have been many new patrons signing up for cards. Another point she wanted to make is that our library's STEM kits have the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest checkouts in the whole region- only behind TCDL!

**President's Comments:** None

**Continuing Business:**

6<sup>th</sup> Trustee- A couple of names were brought up as people who have some interest in joining the board. It was decided to table this until both of those people can be taken to lunch/coffee for informal meetings.

**New Business:**

Funds for bookkeeper- Amanda and Diana wanted to let the board know that the budget for the bookkeeper will go up in December as they will be consulting with Karen regarding Quickbooks and other questions they have. There will be some extra charges.

Museum on Main Street- BPL has been chosen as one of 6 locations by the Smithsonian and Michigan Humanities Council for the Museum on Main Street program! It is a traveling exhibit that will also include local programing to be determined by us with some local partners. Amanda will be talking with Grow Benzie, Cognition and the Museum as the exhibit and it's programming revolves around rural innovation in the past, present and future. It will run from October 14- November 25,2023 and will have many moving parts that will need lots of work and volunteers. It was discussed that a committee should be started. More information will be coming.

**Public Input:** None

**Board Input:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm by President Paula Lake.  
Next meeting will be August 17, 2022

Megan Barnard  
Benzonia Public Library.