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Keweenaw Area Community Foundation Provides FREE Community Meeting Spaces

HANCOCK, MICHIGAN — The Keweenaw Area Community Foundation (KCF) announces the dedication of a free, community-accessible meeting space in the Portage Lake District Library (PLDL) and the KCF office in Hancock.

The KCF sees the importance of having places for community collaborations and engagement and wants to make these types of spaces available for our community. Partnering with local organizations and businesses, KCF has been able to make efforts toward meeting this community need.

Portage Lake District Library - Meeting Rooms

The KCF has awarded the PLDL a \$12,200.00 grant from the Community Impact Fund, supporting the construction of a community meeting space in the library. The Community Impact Fund provides funding for a variety of community projects or programs dedicated to collaborative approaches designed to maintain or improve the quality of life in the greater Keweenaw area.

This room is dedicated on behalf of KCF to our community of lifelong learners and directly supports the community's need for free and public, yet neutral and confidential meeting spaces. The PLDL has created several meeting rooms within the existing library on Huron Street in Houghton. Two new rooms were created in addition to the existing Community Room with a third planned:

- Small Trailside Study Room - Maximum capacity of two people
- Big Trailside Meeting Room - Eight-person meeting space
- West-end Conference Room - Available October 23, 2023 - Maximum of 16 persons meeting space
- Community Room - Maximum of 50 persons



Image: KCF board members and staff, sitting with PLDL director in the KCF sponsored meeting room, "Big Trailside Meeting Room."

From left to right: John Lehman (KCF Board Chair), Robin Meneguzzo (KCF Executive Director), Katrina Linde-Moriarty (PLDL Director), Sara Fletcher (KCF Program Manager), Kim Salmi (KCF Board Trustee)



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Each of these spaces are free, open and available for public use. When these spaces in the library are not being used for library events, they may be used by the community during business hours.

Reservation requests for these spaces may be submitted online using the PLDL reservation form on their website: pdl.org/meeting-rooms/ Or by calling the library at 906-482-4570. The library will contact the users with confirmation that the reservation is accepted.

KCF's Office Space

KCF was also able to successfully adjust their Hancock office space to welcome community use. KCF was supported with this project through financial and in-kind donations from the following organizations: The Nature Conservancy of Michigan, Lahti Properties and Quality Hardware.

Currently, there are two options at KCF for meeting spaces:



- Community Room - Maximum capacity of 50 people and includes audiovisual (AV) equipment

Image: Photo of the KCF community room.



- Meeting Room - Maximum capacity of 8 people. This room is a private meeting space, and also includes AV equipment.

Image: Photo of KCF private meeting room.

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Community members will be welcome to request use of the space for meetings, gatherings, or small events starting in October of 2023!

Please contact KCF at mail@keweenawgives.org with your request details to schedule your meeting or event. At this time, meeting space availability is on a first come first served basis.

About the Keweenaw Area Community Foundation

Keweenaw Area Community Foundation's purpose is to support a thriving community through collaboratively matching community needs with resources to improve quality of life. We are an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula (CFUP), a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.

If you have any questions regarding the foundation please contact us at mail@keweenawgives.org or 906-482-9673.

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