

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 16, 2021

(held in person and via Zoom)

The Board of Trustees met on Monday August 16, 2021 both in person and via Zoom.

Present: Vanderloo, Howard, Decker, Zimmerman, Rowen, Stangel, McDonald, Murphy, Tremelling, and Wepking.

Absent: Weber

Vanderloo called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and there being no objections declared the meeting duly posted. The Agenda for this meeting and Minutes from the July meeting were approved and emailed to members. There were no objections.

Old business:

- Library Project Committees:
 - Exterior Committee: Vanderloo, McDonald and Tremelling
 - Interior Committee: Zimmerman, Weber, Wepking & Vanderloo
 - Transitional Committee: Howard and Decker
 - Fundraising Committee: Rowen & Friends of Library
- Strategic Goals:
 - Invest in our library's future.
 - Build upon our strengths.
 - Support and strengthen our community.

New business:

- Southwest Wisconsin Library System: NetSW Membership Agreement. Motion to approve 2021 agreement by Zimmerman. 2nd by Decker and motion carried. Fennimore Public Library has joined NetSW.
- Community Outreach: Stangel mentioned the Annex is going well and is developing a steady clientele. There is daily usage of the Zoom Room and Program Room at the Main Library for groups eight and under. Ridgeway Volunteer Library usage is growing steadily. Decker asked if numbers are going up with the volunteer library. Stangel stated she is very pleased with the community support for the library. The first adult program was scheduled for Sept. 28th but was canceled by the performer due to COVID concerns.

Librarian's Report:

- Upcoming programs:
 - Celebrate Grasslands has a traveling exhibit display set up during normal library hours. An event will be held on Sat., Aug. 21, 2021 at the Bloomfield Prairie. There will be a nature walk and refreshments.

- Stacey Terrill will be holding an informative meeting on Maximizing your Medicare at the Annex on Thu. Aug 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
- On Sun. August 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Kathy Jacobson will be doing a book launch for her new mystery novel, "In the Secret Heart"
- Mary Wepking has been appointed by the Iowa County Board to represent Iowa County on the Library Board for a three year term. Karren Zimmerman has be reappointed for a three year term.
- Nikolas Swiggum, sophomore at Dodgeville High School was hired as our newest high school page. Max and Megan assisted with the interviews. We had three excellent candidates.

Concerns and comments of the Board:

- Howard stated her granddaughters really enjoy the crafts they have been getting in the library Grab Bags. Rowen will be unable to attend board meetings due to a change in her work schedule.

Treasurer's Report:

- Acceptance of the Bills: Rowen made a motion to pay the bills in the amounts of \$3,179.47. Wepking seconded the motion. No objections and the motion was carried.

Upcoming Meeting: Monday Sep. 20, 2021 immediately following the Library Foundation Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Rowen