



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS FOR ALL

Morris Area Public Library
Monday April 12, 2021
6:30 pm
Morris Area Public Library Conference Room

The Morris Area Public Library will convene a remote regular meeting on March 8 and 6:30 P.M. in the library basement. As permitted by Governor Pritzker's Executive orders 2020-07 and 2020-33, some board members may elect to attend the board meeting via remote means. In consideration of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Governor's disaster proclamations and the executive orders, members of the public will not be permitted to attend the meeting in person, but will be able to view a livestream of all open portions of the meeting via Zoom:

Minutes-

1. Call to Order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Roll Call- Anderson, Boma, Lawrence, Minett and Porth present. Dergo and Cummings absent.
3. Review of the Agenda for Additions/Changes
 - a. addition of the special meeting minutes from 3/15.
4. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment
 - a. No mail to report.
5. Motion to approve the minutes from March 8, regular meeting and March 15 special meeting- Porth motioned to approve Meeting Minutes and Minett seconded. Approved 5-0.
6. Directors Report
 - a. National Library week was this last week Extra gum and Mountain Dew were given as thank you gifts to both the board and employees as appreciation for their hard work from the Director.
 - b. Rose planned activities for the patrons which included trivia and star search to celebrate the week.
 - c. Girl Scouts have displayed their "Country" poster on the front windows to earn a badge.
 - d. The library had 24 programs and a total of 307 attendees.
 - e. We had a clean report from the bed bug sniffing dogs.
 - f. There has been a focus on IT in the library. There has been an expansion of the Library's website. There is work to make it ADA compliant. Remote printing options are being researched.
 - g. The Safe Deposit Box at the bank was closed last year
7. President's Report
 - a. The May meeting date is being changed to May 17, the third Monday. It is changed to make sure that the election results are certified and the new members can be inducted.
8. Vice President's Report
 - a. The Board needs to pay attn. and watch for the upcoming Build American Library Act. It is still in committee but would have money for infrastructure maintenance and library technology improvements.
 - b. There is also the America Rescue Plan Act that will provide money for Library improvements.
 - c. The board should be proactive and write a letter to the legislature to ask for support and express our need for improvements.
9. Financial Report
 - a. A motion was made to accept the budget A-G: Boma motioned to approve Lawrence seconded. Approved 5-0.
10. Committee Report
 - a. Finance Committee
 - i. The Director continues to work with Meristem Advisors.

b. Technology Committee

- i. Nothing new

c. Strategic Planning Committee

- i. Caroline needs to opt out of this committee and a replacement chosen. A new committee member will be chosen after the new board members are seated. Carol will sit in on the committee as needed until it is complete again.

d. Personnel Committee

- i. This will be discussed in a closed session.

e. Policy Committee

- i. There will be a meeting set up soon to review any changes and drafts being made to policy.

f. Facilities Committee

- i. The new lighting work is already underway.
- ii. Bids for the new roof are not ready yet.

11. Unfinished business

- a. None

12. New Business

- a. A motion was made to accept the library closer dates for the next year. Boma moved to approve and Minett seconded. Approved 5-0.
- b. Angie mentioned that the Boot Camp class for library board members was great and she recommends that board members take the strategic planning trustee class and the conflict management class. There is also an Atlas training which is set up like a mock board meeting that also would be helpful.
- c. It was recommended that the board entertain the idea to open the meetings both regular and committee meetings to the public starting in May. The meetings should be both in person and zoom.

13. Executive Session

Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 102/2: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 102/3: the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

14. Action on Executive Session

- a. Motion to go into executive session. Moved by Lawrence and seconded by Boma. Approved by 5-0.
- b. Motion to go back into meeting session time 7:15. Moved by Carol and seconded by Lawrence. Approved 5-0
- c. No executive action.

15. Other

- a. None

16. Adjournment - Time 7:16 - Boma motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lawrence. Approved 5-0.

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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Angelique Minett, Board Secretary