



Morris Area Public August 8, 2021
Board of Trustees Minutes
6:30 pm
Morris Area Public Library Conference Room

Minutes-

1. Call to Order at 6:33 P.M.
2. Roll Call- Anderson, Davy, Dergo, Cummings, Minett and Porth present. Lawrence was absent. Also present were Library Director Mai and guests: Burton, Mai, Lamonda, and Lamonda. J Rachlin was present on Zoom.
3. Review of the Agenda for Additions/Changes
 - a. No changes
 - b. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment - None.
4. Financial Committee report
 - a. J. Rachlin from Meristem Financial gave a review of the budget for clarification.
 - b. A motion was made to adopt the (B and A) Budget and Appropriations as presented. Cummings motioned and Minett seconded. Approved 6-0.
5. Executive Session
 - a. 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.
6. Motion was made to move into Executive session at 6:48. Anderson motioned and Porth seconded. Approved 6-0.
7. Motion was made to move back into open session. Anderson moved and Davy seconded. Approved 6-0
8. Motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 12 Board Meeting. Minett moved and Porth seconded. Approved 6-0.
9. Directors Report
 - a. Highlight the Luau Night to be held in Goold Park on August 20th at 7:00 - hula dancers, fire dancers and drummers will perform. Tropical Snow shave ice will be there. Rose placed signs in all the downtown stores. Resa Recipes and Reviews will be highlighting Teriyaki Chicken to go with the Luau theme.
 - b. The Director will be hosting a community discussion called "Tea with Me" to get community input on strategic planning.
 - c. The Library will be represented in the CornFestival Parade. Staff will be dressed as literary characters.
 - d. The Library has signed up for the festival of trees. The theme will be Disney.
 - e. July program numbers were good.
 - f. We own the parking lot to the west of the library. We pay for the upkeep and plowing. We might be able to let the cub scouts use the parking lot as a fundraiser during the Corn Festival.
 - g. A motion was made to accept bids on repairing the ceiling on the entire two floors of the library not to exceed \$62,000. Porth moved and Dergo seconded. Approved 6-0.
 - h. The summer reading program was a great success. Many hours were logged by individuals of all ages.
 - i. Sheets were donated by a local Holiday Inn to be used during the family tie dye day.
 - j. The family dog wash event earned \$570. The money was donated to Just For Animals Shelter, a non-profit no kill shelter.
 - k. The library is preparing to update its Holiday Cookbook.
 - l. The Director is still working on hiring new personnel.
 - m. Research is still continuing on finding a car for Library Outreach. There is continuing research into car insurance for the outreach vehicle and finding a local auto repair shop for maintenance.

- n. The Library will be partnering with YMCA starting in October.
- o. Midwest Design has given an estimate on the cost of providing a wrap logo to be placed on the new car.

10. President's Report

- a. Sara Davy will be on the Personnel and Facilities committees.
- b. Remember that all board members can attend all committee meetings whether they are on that committee or not.

11. Vice President's Report

- a. There is an upcoming Zoom meeting on succession planning being provided by Rails.

12. Financial Report

- a. Work is being done reviewing how the bills are presented. They will be broken out by category, making it easier to see all of the details.
- b. Research is being done changing employee health insurance. The change will not occur until January.

13. Committee Report

- a. Finance Committee
 - i. Approved the Budget.
 - ii. Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Finance Committee with the following changes: change the world agenda to meeting minutes and remove 7B. Cummings moved and Minette Seconded. Approved 6-0

b. Technology Committee

- i. Research will continue into surveillance cameras.

c. Strategic Planning Committee

- i. A meeting will be scheduled in September.

d. Personnel Committee

- i. A motion was made to approve the July 22, Personnel Committee meeting minutes with the following changes: change agenda to minutes and leave off 4b. Anderson moved and Cummings seconded. Approved 6-0.

e. Policy Committee

- i. A motion was made to accept the Policy Committee Meeting minutes from July 12. Minett moved and Porth seconded. Approved 6-0.

f. Facilities Committee

- i. Research will be made into finding a generator and accepting bids.
- ii. The front of the library was weeded by Lamonda.
- iii. Maybe the cub scouts or the Morris High School National Honor Society would like to accrue some volunteer hours and help out with the weeding.
- iv. Research can be made into getting a little free library in front of the library.

11. Unfinished business

- a. None

12. New Business

- a. None

15. Other

- a. None

16. Adjournment - Time 8:50- Cummings motioned to adjourn, seconded by Porth. Approved 6-0.

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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Angelique Minett, Board Secretary

