



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS FOR ALL

Morris Area Public September 13, 2021
Board of Trustees Minutes
6:30 pm
Morris Area Public Library Conference Room

Minutes-

1. Call to Order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Roll Call- Anderson, Davy, Dergo, Cummings, Minett, and Porth present. Lawrence was present via zoom. Also present were Library Director Mai and guests: Burton, Mai, and Christensen.
3. Review of the Agenda for Additions/Changes
 - a. No changes
 - b. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment - None.
4. A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the August 8 regular meeting. Cummings motioned to approve meeting minutes and Davy seconded. Approved 7-0.
5. Directors Report
 - a. Grundy County Woodworkers will be donating a Little Free Library for use in front of the library. It has been approved by the city and will be registered with LittleFreeLibrary.org. The little library will be on display at the Woodworkers' booth at the Corn Festival. When the library is put in there will be a variety of marketing and publicity.
 - b. The Polynesian Night was a huge success. There was incredible community support for the event. The only change might be to provide water next year. Rose did an amazing job coordinating and planning the event.
 - c. Programs in August were well attended. There is a programming hiatus for September as we close out the Summer Reading Program and everyone gets settled into the new school year.
 - d. Tea with me was successful. People came in to express their gratitude and enjoyment of the current programs. Areas of additional interest are food programs, research databases, and the seed library.
 - e. Employees taking on new responsibilities. Dani is the new Bookkeeper/Marketing person and Pam is the new Youth Services Supervisor. Denise is the new Patron Services Supervisor.
 - f. We are still in the process of hiring 2 part-time positions. One in Youth Services and another to work in Outreach.
 - g. There are changes being made to how the bill and invoices are being put together and it will make it much easier for everyone involved. We have a person coming in ½ a day a week to help with the changes.
 - h. The floor in the Storytime room has been put down and looks amazing. It will be so much easier to clean and sanitize. The work on the rest of the basement floor will continue this month.
 - i. We met with ICS school in August and will have meetings with Morris Elementary School and Saratoga school this month. We are working on scheduling an appointment with Nettle Creek School.
 - j. There were 65 leaves of appreciation this month. Mike is the employee of the month.
 - k. People have been stopping in this week to express how much they are enjoying our programs and the positive steps we have been taking at the library.
 - l. The artwork in the library windows was provided by Delta Phi Art Club from Morris High School.
6. President's Report
 - a. Congratulations are in order for the new employees.
 - b. Eighth graders have contacted the library to look into volunteer hours.
 - c. The Student Council is open to taking ownership of the Garden Area. The Director is meeting with a gardening group to look into having the garden planted with Native Pollinator Plants.

- d. Research is continuing into getting a generator for the library. There is at least a year lag time from the decision to the actual acquiring of a generator due to limited supplies.
- 7. Vice President's Report
 - a. Rails had a good program on Succession Planning. The Morris Library has many of the ideas presented already in effect.
 - b. Rails had many of their programs available on Youtube. There is a wealth of information available to board members.
- 8. Financial Report
 - a. A motion was made to approve the financial report A-F. Cummings motioned to approve and Porth seconded. Approved 7-0.
- 9. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee
 - i. A meeting will be scheduled for sometime after Cornfest.
 - b. Technology Committee
 - i. There is some discussion about updating technology to make it audible technology
 - ii. A meeting will be scheduled for sometime after Cornfest.
 - c. Strategic Plan Committee
 - i. A meeting will be scheduled for sometime after Cornfest.
 - d. Personnel Committee
 - i. There are three new employees or position changes and we are in the process of hiring 2 more employees.
 - e. Policy Committee
 - i. None
 - f. Facilities Committee
 - i. The new basement floor is getting done this month.
- 10. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
- 11. New Business
 - a. None
- 12. Executive Session
 - a. None
- 13. Other
 - a. None
- 14. Adjournment - Time 7:04- Cummings motioned to adjourn, seconded by Minett. Approved 7-0.

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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Angelique Minett, Board Secretary

