



**Morris Area Public November 8, 2021**  
**Board of Trustees Minutes**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Morris Area Public Library Conference Room**

Minutes-

1. Call to Order at 6:04 P.M.
2. Roll Call- Anderson, Davy, Minett and Porth present. Also present were Library Director Mai and guests: Burton, Vano, and Christensen. Absent were Cummings, Dergo, and Lawrence.
3. Review of the Agenda for Additions/Changes
  - a. None
4. A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the October 11 regular meeting. Minett moved to approve meeting minutes and Porth seconded. Approved 4-0.
5. Directors Report
  - a. The library is looking into having a celebration in 2023. This will be 150 after the first library and 110 years after the rebuilt library.
  - b. The Director met with Mayor Brown to discuss the city's need for more bathrooms and parking. It was agreed that the library would allow public parking in its west lot, keeping the north lot as library parking only, and the city would be responsible for removal of snow from both parking lots and the sidewalks.
  - c. The numbers for October programs were good. There are some major events coming up, Home for the Holiday Parade, A Visit with Santa, and the Polar Express Trip. The trip to Kinky Boots was a success.
  - d. The little Free Library is in place and filled.
  - e. A patron was light headed and an ambulance was called in October.
  - f. A new Patron Services Supervisor was hired.
  - g. Employee of the month is Starla and Holly nominated her.
  - h. The garden has been put to bed for the winter with cardboard and bricks to prepare for the spring changes to a pollinator garden with native plantings
  - i. The Newsletter has added a calendar page.
6. President's Report
  - a. Sandy has indicated that she needs to resign from the library board. She will send in her official letter later this month.
7. Vice President's Report
  - a. There are some great articles about the growing number of library book challenges. A discussion was held on the library rights act and the need to have access to materials for all.
8. Financial Report
  - a. Motion to accept the financial report 8A- 8d with the exception of 8d page 4. Motioned by Porth and seconded by Davy. Approved 4-0.
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance Committee
    - i. None
  - b. Technology Committee
    - i. TBS mobile printing will be scheduled to come out to a board meeting.
  - c. Strategic Plan Committee
    - i. None
  - d. Personnel Committee
    - i. The library just hired a new Patron Services Supervisor.

- e. Policy Committee
  - i. The minutes from the last meeting will be presented at the next month's board meeting.
- f. Facilities Committee
  - i. Work will begin on making the bathrooms handsfree when Narvick has availability.
- 10. Unfinished Business
  - a. None
- 11. New Business
  - a. None
- 12. Executive Session
  - a. None
- 13. Action on Executive Session
  - a. None
- 14. Other
  - a. none

15. Adjournment - Time 6:39 - Minett motioned to adjourn, seconded by Porth. Approved 4-0.

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Angelique Minett, Board Secretary