



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS FOR ALL

Morris Area Public Library
March 14, 2022
Board of Trustees General Meeting 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, Keavney, and Porth present. Also present were Library Director Mai and guests: Burton and Christensen. Absent Cummings and Minett. (Cummings arrived at 6:34)
3. Review of the Agenda for Additions/Changes.
 - a. None
4. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment
 - a. Cummings will be late.
5. A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the February 14th regular meeting. Porth moved to approve meeting minutes and Keavney seconded. Approved 5-0.
6. Director's Report
 - a. Cummings arrived at 6:34.
 - b. The Watercolor Guild has their artwork on display in the library for the month of March.
 - c. We did not make the St. Patrick's Day Parade but are planning to sign up to attend next year.
 - d. The Neighborhood Forest Program has 37 patrons signed up. The trees will arrive in April.
 - e. The Northern Life Insurance Building is for sale and discussion continued about purchasing the property as that is the only way for the library to expand.
 - f. A motion was made to authorize the Director Mai to negotiate to purchase the Northern Life Insurance Building adjacent to the library starting at \$250,000 with a cap of \$290,000. Motioned by Anderson and seconded by Dergo. Approved 6-0.
 - g. Oscar is logoed and ready for use. It will be driven to outreach programs such as the YMCA, parades and for home delivery of books.
 - h. We will be recycling electronics on April 19th.
 - i. We will be participating in the library crawl. Patrons will visit a variety of libraries and get a passport signed. When they have visited all the libraries they can enter a raffle for a basket worth 250 dollars.
 - j. We had good numbers for the February programs.
 - k. Work is continuing on Summer Adventure Programming (SAP).
 - l. We need to confirm our booking of Gould Park for the Zydeco Dave program.
 - m. We have been approved by the state to shred some of our older paperwork.
 - n. A motion was made to support the T.I.F.F. (The Intergovernmental Agreement (City of Morris - Brisbin Road Tax Increment Financing Districts(s))). Anderson moved and Cummings seconded. Approved 6-0.
7. President's Report
 - a. Discussion was had about the issue of masks being worn at storytime and the non-local Homeschool Group who were complaining about others exercising their rights to choose to wear masks. We received good support from the community.
8. Vice President's Report
 - a. An article was shared on the future of libraries post pandemic. We are headed to a more budget conscious society so libraries will need to step up to meet the new demands.
 - b. The board will look into the new ATT internet service.
9. Financial Report
 - a. Motion was made to accept the financials of February and March as presented. Motioned by Porth and seconded by Davy. Approved 6-0.
10. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee
 - i. Is requesting a spreadsheet to understand the entirety of the insurances offered by the library. This spreadsheet is requested by June.
 - b. Technology Committee
 - i. A meeting will be held with Fruit, Mai and the Technology committee to look at the new ATT internet service option.
 - c. Strategic Plan Committee
 - i. Once the new committee head acquires the material, she will set up a date for a meeting.
 - d. Personnel Committee
 - i. Nothing New
 - e. Policy Committee
 - i. The new policy changes will be discussed in the April meeting.
 - f. Facilities Committee
 - i. The Circulation Desk work will be completed in June.
11. Unfinished Business
- a. None
12. New Business
- a. Reminder for everyone to complete the Ethics Form on time.
13. Other
- a. none
14. Adjournment - Time 7:32 - Cummings motioned to adjourn, seconded by Keavney. Approved 6-0.

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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_____ Angelique Minett, Board Secretary