



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS FOR ALL

Morris Area Public Library
February 14, 2022
Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm
Morris Area Public Library Conference Room

Minutes-

1. Call to Order at 6:33 P.M.
2. Roll Call- Anderson, Dergo, Keavney, Minett, and Porth present. Also present were Library Director Mai and guest: Burton. Absent Cummings and Davy. (Cummings arrived at 6:44)
3. Review of the Agenda for Additions/Changes.
 - a. None
4. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment
 - a. A text was received by the board president from a patron who loved the Kinky Boots theater trip and is looking forward to a spring trip and who spoke highly about the current director.
5. New Board member Lauren Keavney was sworn in by Board Secretary Angelique Minett.
6. A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the January 10 regular meeting. Minett moved to approve meeting minutes and Porth seconded. Approved 5-0.
7. Director's Report
 - a. The basement looks great with the walls painted, the artwork hung, and the windows frosted to give separation between the auditorium and the entryway.
 - b. The library received 2 bids to repair the main desk.
 - c. The building next door is available for sale.
 - d. Caroline Cummings arrived at 6:44.
8. Executive Session
 - a. A closed session for personnel with the possible action to follow.
 - i. 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.
9. Action on Executive Session
 - a. A motion was made to go into executive session at 6:38 P.M. to talk about the potential purchase of property. Motioned by Minett and seconded by Cummings. Approved 6-0
 - b. A motion was made to move to open session at 7:10 P.M. Motioned by Minett and seconded by Porth. Approved 6-0.
 - c. A motion was made to direct the director of the library to explore the possibility of purchasing adjacent property. Motioned by Minett and seconded by Dergo. Approved 6-0.
 - d. A motion was made to approve the Woodhill proposal having the director check on the quartz or quartzite countertops and to accept the bid as proposed. Motioned by Anderson and seconded by Porth. Approved 5-1
10. Director's Report continued.
 - a. The Patron Services Supervisor has found a new job closer to her home and the library is in the process of searching for a new supervisor.
 - b. Jo Dergo's party was a great success.
 - c. On March 19 there will be a family program, Decorate A Chair. Patrons can paint a chair and then take it home.
 - d. There will be a Watercolor Show to be held at the Morris Library in March.
 - e. The entire staff will take turns doing the weekly facebook post about upcoming events. This will let the community see everyone who works here.

- f. The director will be going to the Public Library Association Conference and she will be presenting as well as attending many programs that will be beneficial for the library.
 - g. The Census numbers came out showing the library district increased by 2.23%.
11. President's Report
- a. There is a handout from Robin Schwartz.
 - b. A motion was made to make masks recommended for all patrons. Motioned by Keavney and seconded by Cummings. Approved 6-0
 - c. A motion was made to update library mask policy. Motioned by Cummings and seconded by Minett. Approved 6-0
12. Vice President's Report
- a. Some of the programs at the PLA Association Convention look like they will be very beneficial, especially the How to prepare for censorship battles.
13. Financial Report
- a. Motion was made to table the financials until the March meeting. Motioned by Minette and seconded by Porth Approved 6-0.
14. Committee Reports
- a. Finance Committee
 - i. Is planning to try to have a meeting before next month's board meeting.
 - b. Technology Committee
 - i. The per capita numbers are set and there is excitement to work with these funds on technology planning
 - c. Strategic Plan Committee
 - i. Keavney is the new chairperson. Davy has been added to the committee.
 - d. Personnel Committee
 - i. Vano has moved on to a new library and the search for a replacement has been started.
 - e. Policy Committee
 - i. Work continues on preparing a new policy on going fine free.
 - f. Facilities Committee
 - i. Nothing new
15. Unfinished Business
- a. None
16. New Business
- a. None
17. Other
- a. none
18. Adjournment - Time 7:42 - Minett 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