



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS FOR ALL

Morris Area Public Library
May 9, 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, Cummings, Davy, Keavney, Minett, and Porth present. Also present were Library Director Mai and guests: Burton and Christensen. Absent Dergo.
3. Review of the Agenda for Additions/Changes.
 - a. None
4. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment
 - a. A thank you card was received from A. Porth.
5. A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the April 11th regular meeting. Porth moved to approve meeting minutes and Davy seconded. Approved 6-0.
6. Director's Report
 - a. The library was proud to receive the Grundy County Organization of the Year Award.
 - b. Signworks is working on our outdoor signs and will be done by June.
 - c. E- cycling event was a traffic nightmare but the library met a need for a significant number of the community.
 - d. There will be a much requested bus trip in July. The trip is to see It Came From Outer Space at Navy Pier and then eat dinner at Merichka's.
 - e. Mai did a radio spot to talk about some of the upcoming programs. May 10, the library is presenting Missy Stafford talking about Shrubs for Fall and Winter, May 24, The Conservations Foundation will present Conservation at Home, June 4, there will be 2 programs, Big Run Wolf Ranch and planting the library's native garden and July 23 the bus trip, It Came From Outer Space.
 - f. The building we are purchasing will be rented out for a year. The board has authorized Mai to negotiate the rent.
 - g. The outside gardening is in flux. There are plans in place to get it ready for summer.
 - h. The library is in the process of hiring 2 part-time staff.
 - i. Building and Maintenance Levy Ordinance is coming along.
 - j. The budget discussions continue.
 - k. We are continuing to talk to the Community Foundation of Grundy County. There is an opportunity for client training for public investments with them coming soon.
 - l. Andrew Narvick has provided an estimated cost for the demolishing of the building next door.
 - m. AFLAC would like to meet with the staff to offer coverage.
 - n. April was Prevention of Child Abuse Month and the front of the library had pinwheels to bring awareness to the cause.
7. President's Report
 - a. There are 2 part-time positions available.
 - b. National Libraries week promoted banned books.
8. Vice President's Report
 - a. RAILS has video programs on diversity, equality, and collections of materials.
 - b. An article was provided on the book censorship in Seven Llano County.

9. Financial Report

- a. Motion was made to accept the May financial report. Motioned by Cummings and seconded by Minnett. Approved 6-0.
- b. A discussion was had on adding check details to the report. The program does not have the ability to put that on the report but the check details are provided in digital form to all board members.

10. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee
 - i. The budget is being tweaked. There have been increases to the price of gas and databases that are being considered.
- b. Technology Committee
 - i. Additional diagnostic testing has helped improve the efficiency of the current internet plan and the decision has been made not to change plans currently.
- c. Strategic Plan Committee
 - i. The new head of this committee has acquired the materials and is in the process of setting up a date for a meeting.
- d. Personnel Committee
 - i. There are 2 part- time positions available.
- e. Policy Committee
 - i. There is continuing discussion with the Community Foundation of Grundy County.
- f. Facilities Committee
 - i. The bathroom remodels are ongoing.
 - ii. The garden has a plan in place and work will begin this month. We will put up a sign that says Pardon Our Garden.

11. Unfinished Business

- a. None

12. New Business

- a. None

13. Other

- a. None

14. Adjournment - Time 7:35 -Minett 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