

Luther Area Library

Board Minutes May 13, 2021

The regular board meeting was called to order by President Lois Langenburg at 4:35 pm.

Present were Lois, Jan, Donna and Kees. The Director Amy was also present. Meeting was held in person at the Library.

There was 1 visitor, John T. and Karin Goodlein, a prospective board member from Dover Township.

Comments. John T. said he had a protest. John stated that the recent pay scale that had been adopted by the board was not adequate. John reported on the current work shortages and current pay offerings in the greater community. He advocated for increases in the pay structure. Input was noted and the board will take it under advisement.

Lois reported that we will need a written letter from Dover Township to acknowledge the new board appointee.

Jan reported that there were a series of books, Backwoods libraries, that told stories of women and early rural library days and were available in audio form.

Jan recommended several books and discussed how to add them to the read it and rate it list.

Sect. minutes. Minutes were reviewed. The description of the resignation of past board members needs to be corrected. Diane resigned after many years of service to the Luther Area Library. We are grateful for her work. Donna motioned to pass minutes. Lois second. All were in favor.

Tres. report.

See budget report.

Motion to accept by Lois, second by Jan.

Jan Y

Lois Y

Kees Y

Donna Y

All were in favor.

Librarians report.

36 craft kits were prepared as the library's way of keeping people engaged during Covid.

Easter egg kits were made available.

Library word search was available.

Bingo challenge related to books read.

Library scavenger hunt to find theme based books. 7 kids and 1 adult participated.

Read it and Rate it continues with gift certificates to Luther Grocery. Discussed ways to increase the display of Read books and peoples favorites.

Work on completing the little free libraries continues. The Pine River school is making 5 Libraries.

The newsletter was printed and sent out. Motion to accept report by Lois, second by Jan.

Old Business

No changes to library hours for the next month.

We are getting quotes for gutter work at the Library. While we're at it, we also want to get quotes for putting a new roof on. Discussed asphalt and or Metal roof. Will gets quotes. The roof is old? And may have a few years left on it. Amy will check with building dept. to determine how old the roof is.

Motion to accept report by Lois and 2nd by Kees.

New Business.

We got a Great Lakes Energy grant for \$1,000.
\$375 was approved for Library equipment.

To the Lake Osceola Bank, Heather Morche' be removed from all Luther Area Library accounts including deposit boxes. And that Amy Shank, New Librarian, be added to all Luther Area Library accounts including the deposit boxes. Take effect on May 13, 2021

We discussed looking for an additional board member. Lake Co. will get Covid relief money.

A.W.E. This is an all in one learning program for kids. This was discussed and tabled waiting for more information.

Request to buy additional books, large print and missing books to complete series. Use donation money from The Winqvist donation?

E-rate consultant bill not due until Aug. 2021. \$300 is for the whole year.

Approve to sign up a contract with motion by Donna, second Jan. Approved.

Discussed Library of Things. Other libraries have included all things such as tools, rec equipment, etc. Will be discussed further. Fishing poles were discussed.

Next mtg. will be June 10, 2021, In person meeting at 4:30 pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Kees Frankfort