



Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting November 14th, 2024

Trustees Present: Taylor Baert, Gail Hanson, Ron Johnson, Arvid Maki, Michele Merritt, Maureen Rogers

Trustees Absent: Deb Rose

Also present: Director Anne Miller, Sherry Hanson

President Michele Merritt called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda by Arvid, seconded by Maureen. Carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the **Minutes for the October regular meeting** by Gail. Seconded by Taylor. Carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments – Twenty-three people attended the Books & Biscotti event with chef and cookbook author Beth Dooley. The Friends of the Library will be having discussions on whether to continue paying for library cards for patrons from Minnesota. They'll also be talking to Ricky Hoverman about making changes to the Friends' web page.

Director's Report – The library staff did an excellent job keeping everything running smoothly while Anne was on vacation in Romania the last two weeks of October. Prior to that, Anne prepared for the 2025 BigRead program and worked on a Zoom presentation about what it is like to be a library in a multi-use building. All regular events were hosted in October, as well as several special events. A fundraiser was held at Tippy Canoes, with free will donations designated for the library.

Monthly Financials – Motion to approve the financial report by Arvid, seconded by Ron. Carried unanimously.

Audit and Approve Bills – Motion to pay the bills by Taylor, seconded by Maureen. Carried unanimously.

Blinds for Library Windows – The fabric for the blinds was backordered, so there will be a delay in making and installing the blinds. Jason with Budget Blinds does not have a projected date at this time.

Mr. Licky – Mr. Licky's retirement party will be held on Friday, November 22, from 4 to 5:30 pm. Library staff will transport him to Snake Discovery in Maplewood the following day.



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Library Services Policy – The board reviewed the policy. Motion by Gail, seconded by Arvid, to approve the Library Services Policy. Motion carried.

Budget Discussion – The library has a 2024 surplus of about \$14,000 to spend down. Anne provided a list of options for using these monies which ranged from purchasing books and equipment to joining the OverDrive Advantage program, which adds more copies of ebooks to the system, resulting in shorter wait times for popular titles. Motion by Arvid, seconded by Maureen, to approve spending for the starred items on the surplus options list. Carried unanimously.

Next Meeting – Thursday, December 12 at 5:00 pm.

President Michele Merritt declared the meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Ron Johnson, Library Board Secretary