

La Crescent Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

PRESENT: Sarah Riess, Lisa Docken, Robin Yeshe, Tina Ryan, Logan Colby

OTHERS PRESENT: Kayce Gentry, Library Director; Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, City Council Rep. Kathie Rozovics, Friends of Library

ABSENT: Jim Nissen

Call to order at 6:18

Amendments – Date of silent basket needs to be December 5, but that is going to totally change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Lisa, Robin - motion carries

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Teresa - shared that Kayce did excellent job reporting at the city council. Thanks, Kayce!

COVID cares money from Federal Government. Library has been a recipient of some of the dollars.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY - Next meeting is Monday, October 19. Membership meeting. Newsletter in August - is also on library Facebook page. In midst of apple pie sale. Difficult to advertise. 65 pies sold so far. Book Sales going well outside library - 9/19 sale was huge - Applefest weekend. Donations are still coming in - once it gets cold - not sure what they'll do. Planning to participate in basket sale. Will be talking about cookie walk ideas at Monday's meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT / 2021 BUDGET –

Through end of August - in expenses that we should be. Might be over - doesn't include CARES ACT reimbursement money yet.

Looking like we will finish the year under budget.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Fall programming schedule - storytime in the park - 2 shows

Weekly storytime on library facebook page - live or recorded. Great job, Emily!

New adult education series - 2 sessions - very well attended.

Going to continue through end of year.

Pen pal program up and running - 6 kids and 3 adults. Experience for kids getting mail and writing to seniors/adults.

Winter - Hot Reads for Cold Nights - Get prizes for how many books read.

Kayce's leave for end of November. New schedule has been set by staff.

Pick up service, - M-S, browsing appointments - T, Th, computer appointments some of the days. Wondering if pick up service will continue to be a permanent option?

City Council - encouraged to ask for 4% increase. 3% from Winona County - Houston County 1.5% increase. 230, 667. 51 would be budget for 2021.

Gift Basket Silent Auction - Virtual option. pictures of each basket - put up on library facebook page - bids by messenger or calling the library. Staff will put in comments what the new bid is.

OLD BUSINESS -

9.1 - Reopening Plans - Kayce is feeling like what we have is going well. Are people being served??? Only issue is letting people know what is available. Marketing issue - Facebook and website currently. Still some people come to door, and they aren't aware. Only thing not meeting is the social thing. People wondering when coffee hour is coming back?? Probably last thing to return. Numbers aren't as bad as Kayce thought it might be. End of May - August - 1600 pick up appointments.

Group consensus was to stay with current model of service. Stay the course.

Idea - library services could be listed in church bulletins or on church facebook sites. Could share with Lions and Rotary.

9.2 - Gift Basket Auction

Monday, December 7 - Saturday, December 12 - would give a week after Thanksgiving to get baskets, etc.

Kayce will send out the letter - Baskets by Wednesday, December 2.

Will add a short description with the picture of the basket.

Bids will be put in comment by only staff.

Cookie Walk is December 11.

NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Board Member Terms

Tina Ryan - 2022 (1st term)

Lisa Docken - 2020 (3rd term)

Sarah Riess - 2020 (3rd term)

Robin Yeshe - 2020 (2nd term)

Logan Colby - 2022 (3rd term)

Jim Nissen - 2022 (1st term) SELCO Rep.

Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner - 2021 (Jan. assigned committees) She is hoping to stay on.

3 open spots: Sarah, Lisa, and Robin will be stepping down after December.

Kayce will put an invite out to find if interested - see if wanting to come to December meeting. La Crescent Together, Library Facebook, Friends??

“The Library Board is seeking new board members.....”

10.2 Resolution 162

Friends of the Library - \$1000 donation to books and materials.

Motion: Sarah and Lisa - motion carries.

Next meeting – Tuesday, December 8 - 6:15 pm. Emily will run. Zoom meeting

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Riess, secretary