

La Crescent Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

PRESENT: Sarah Riess, Lisa Docken, Robin Yeshe, Tina Ryan, Logan Colby, Theresa O'Donnell-Ebner - City Council Rep.

OTHERS PRESENT: Emily Riley, interim library director, Kathie Rozovics, Friend rep. , Jim Nissen, SELCO rep.

ABSENT: Kayce Gentry, Library Director on maternity leave

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Call to order at 6:15.

Amendments –

Before the minutes, discussion to bring on new members. Jim Nissen isn't an official board member, but SELCO rep. Robin Yeshe finished her term. Tina is starting second full term - 2021 - 2023. Logan is in the middle of third term. Need to fill a vacant 2 year term and one 3-year term and two 1-year terms (Sarah Riess and Lisa Dokken stepped down early). The bylaws don't describe the SELCO rep position; should update. Kristi Moulton to take the 3 year; Kelsy Bolton to take the 2 year; Sue Amble to take a 1 year; one last 1-year term to fill. Teresa motions to fill as described; Logan second; motion passes. City Council to approve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Teresa moved; Logan seconded; passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Teresa summarized bike bridge work across highway. Perhaps library role (little library, etc)? Covid funding changes pending.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY - Annual meeting on the 4th. 3 new members elected. Emily presented a report to the Friends. Donation total last year was \$11,758 - \$500 more than the year before! Board officers elected. End of January - \$7,182. Commitments for \$4800 - pay for maintenance and supplies for donated copier, etc. Donated \$1500 for new books. Buy candy! Kathie explained the relationship of the Friends and the public library for the benefit of the new board members. Teresa suggested putting a Friends of the Library membership form on the La Crescent Together Facebook group.

FINANCIAL REPORT– Through October, so same numbers as in the December packet. Still on track within budget. Emily doesn't know when pending updates to financial reporting will arrive. Teresa thought maybe we could check in to see the status.

DIRECTORS REPORT Library provides service through Covid - pickup, browsing, computer appointments. Masks worn with few complaints. Virtual programming. Gift basket and silent auction was huge success. 50 baskets, pen pal program. Streaming story times, community conversations, hot read for cold notes running. HCP donation for diversified local libraries. Hurray for Erdmann donations.

OLD BUSINESS – none other than new board members.

NEW BUSINESS

10.1 - New board members. Summarized above. Kristi volunteered to take secretary; Logan was guilted into being vice president. Motions approved.

10.2 – Proposal to update bylaws. Will require approval by city attorney. Teresa will connect with Kayce and go over ideas. They are 20 years out of date. Bylaws can be sent out for review, compare with other libraries. Look for a template. Maybe SELCO has other library bylaws; maybe SELCO director has recommended template; Jim will find out.

10.3 – Resolution 165. Tina motion to approve, Kristi seconded to accept donation from HCP.

10.4 - Resolution 166. Motion to accept, Krist seconded acceptance of Jason and Rita Erdmann's donations. Approved.

10.5 Resolution 167, Teresa motioned, Kelsey seconded to approve Friends donation. Motion passed.

10.6 Teresa asked about background information collected for city committee / library board members. Tina says we can bring back to the group when Kayce returns to discuss again.

Inclement weather consideration. Tina suggested that we trust Emily's judgement to close when inclement weather strikes.

New board members invited to share about themselves. Kelsey worked at Y for 10 years. Passion for serving different populations; excited by offerings for different groups. Very excited about diversity conversations. Sue agrees; programming is as important as books. Opportunities to talk about tough topics. Kriti is school librarian at Logan HS, previously MS. Library is birth to death institution that serves everyone. Looking to see more of the community. Kristi wants to see the library

advertised more as a great institution in a small town, not a small library in a small town. Teresa pointed out that on Facebook, the library was lauded by community members.

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Motion adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted by Logan Colby, vice-president.