

Bemidji Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 08, 2019

Present: Lauree Bahr, Cyndi Fenske, Ara Gallo, Stephen Pfleger, Deb Rossman, Joyce Siegert

Guest(s): Terry Thomas (Friends of the Bemidji Public Library President)

Absent: Sheri Brumback, Nancy Erickson, Deb Graves, Heidi Johnson

- I. Approval of the December Meeting Minutes: Stephen motioned to accept the December meeting minutes. Lauree seconded. Motion passed.

- II. Manager's Report—Ara Gallo (on behalf of Sheri Brumback)
 - a. Financial Report: A financial report was provided that included deductions to Library Board Funds including \$444.05 for Young Adult gaming supplies, \$187 for book storage rental (Oct. and Nov.) and \$116 book storage rental for December. (Book storage discrepancies will be researched and followed up with next month.)
 - b. Usage Statistics: Statistics show a total of 195,655 customers for 2018 and a total of 154,801 check outs. December statistics show 127 attendees for Robert the Magician's New Year's Eve program.
 - c. News: News from the Library includes: charging stations are up, new substitute library assistants have been hired, and less incidents have occurred overall. T & K Outdoors has been hired to remove snow on an on-call basis.
 - d. Upcoming Programs and Events: Lots of new programs in the works: author talks, Pages & Pints, Bemidji Speaks, Women's History month events. Snow Time to Read is running for adults through March 31.

- III. Old Business
 - a. Young Adult/Teen Section Update: As noted gaming system has been purchased. More info to come.
 - b. Children's Section Update: No update. Children's Library Assistant has been out on leave.
 - c. Other: Deb Rossman did not yet invite Nate Matthews, City Manager to a meeting. She will later in the year.

- IV. New Business
 - a. Election of Officers: Deb Rossman has been elected to Chair (nominated by Joyce and Cyndi), Deb Graves has been elected to Vice Chair (nominated by Stephen and Lauree) and Cyndi Fenske will remain Secretary (nominated by Joyce and Stephen).
 - b. Book Sale: Joyce is waiting to hear from E. Free church about use of their space. The week of July 15-19 was requested.

- V. Kitchigami Regional Library Report—Nancy Erickson: No report provided. Nancy absent and the KRL Board did not meet in December.

- VI. Friends of the Bemidji Public Library Report—Terry Thomas: 2018 was a very successful year for the Friends of the Library. Lots of donations were made with the funds in total of over \$8,000 for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Submitted by Cyndi L. Fenske, Board Secretary