

Bemidji Public Library Board Meeting Minutes December 10, 2019

Present: Deb Rossman, Deb Graves, Joyce Siegert, Heidi Johnson, Kath Molitor, Lauree Bahr, Sheri Brumback. Absent: Stephen Pfleger.
Guest: Terry Thomas

I. Approval of November minutes - Heidi Johnson made a motion to accept the November minutes, seconded by Kath Molitor.

II. Manager's report

- A. Financial Report – presented by Sheri Brumback
- B. Usage Statistics – presented by Sheri Brumback
- C. News – presented by Sheri Brumback

The library is accepting donations of coats and gloves to distribute to those who need them. There has been an overwhelming response to the table of items provided thus far. It is hoped that this donation table can be continued for the rest of the winter. There seems to be an influx of new and younger faces amongst the homeless who visit the library.

The library will be closed December 24th and 25th. It will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 31 and remain closed on January 1, 2020.

December programs at the Bemidji Public Library include the following:

December 9, 12:00 noon – Adult book discussion: Wallace Stegner's Angle of Repose.

December 10, 4:30 – 6:00 – Red Door Bookstore Holiday After-Hours Event

December 10, 5:30 p.m. – Adoptable pets, Great River Rescue program

December 17, 5:30 p.m. – Young Adult Book Club: Leah on the Offbeat by Becky Albertalli

December 21, 2:00 p.m. – Magic Bob will do a program

December 26, 7:00 p.m. – “Pages to Pints” event at Bemidji Brewery for readers to talk about any book they have read

Preschool storytimes are held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020 – “Snowtime to Read” program will be held with prizes given at the end for those who read 15 books or more during that time.

III. Old Business:

A. Treats for library appreciation event: Sheri thanked the board for providing treats for the library staff in appreciation of their service. They had donuts from Rafael's Bakery, bagels from Big Apple Bagels, and drinks and a snack platter from Luekens.

B. Per Mar Security camera payment – Sheri thought the bill had been paid.

C. Hauling boxes of donated books to storage unit – Sabrina Grauman will haul the books for \$40 per trip, about once a month.

IV. New Business:

A. Funds designated for children's and teen areas of the library – Sheri will review with the staff members in charge of these areas and report back at the January meeting. Alayna Nestberg is in charge of the children's area. Sabrina Grauman is in charge of the teen area.

B. Deposit for 2020 book sale – The city did not pay because they thought it had been paid already. There is some confusion. Sheri will assure them that this is for a future sale, not for the previous one that was paid months ago. Joyce will call the church secretary to see if they have gotten the deposit yet.

V. Kitchigami Regional Library Services Report – Nancy Erickson

KRLS is working on a strategic plan. KRLS has a reserve (undesignated) of \$2.5 million. The finance committee will plan how to use this money. Nancy is proposing that board members meet in

member libraries of KRLS to become acquainted with each facility. There will be no December meeting for KRLS.

VI. Friends of the Bemidji Public Library Report – Terry Thomas

Memberships in the Friends group runs from January 1-December 31 each year. It is time to renew memberships. Terry handed out forms to the library board members. Book Page is a publication that is provided free of charge to the public through the library. The subscription was purchased through the Friends. She brought a copy to show the board that features the best 100 books for 2019. The Friends held the Red Door Bookstore Holiday After-Hours event from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. pm December 10.

Adjournment – Joyce Siegert made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kath Molitor.

Next meeting: January 14, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Siegert