

Bemidji Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Present: Lauree Bahr, Sheri Brumback, Nancy Erickson, Cyndi Fenske, Deb Graves, Heidi Johnson, Stephen Pflieger

Absent: Deb Rossman, Joyce Siegert, Terry Thomas

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

- II. Manager's Report: Sheri Brumback
 - A. Financial Report—A financial report was provided to the Board including deductions of \$91 (04/25) to Paul Bunyan Mini-Storage (book storage) and \$805 (05/14) to the Evangelical Free Church hall rental for the 2019 book sale. The current total of Board funds is \$20,329.59, although some funds have been allocated.
 - B. Usage Statistics—April Stats include 241 hours open, 14,847 customers, 12,351 circulating items (not including e-materials), and 1119 computer users. Overall this is an increase of circulation from last year.
 - C. News—Personnel related news included hiring a new custodian who quit after a week, and then hiring a second custodian who is working out well at the library.
 - D. Upcoming Programs and Events—Community members can participate in “One Vegetable, One Community” by picking up cucumber seeds at the Library (facilitated by the U of M County Extension Office). Other programs include: Bemidji Speaks, book clubs for all ages, Pints to Pages, family movies, and the Summer Reading Program of kids and teens starting in June.

- III. Old Business
 - A. Young Adult/Teen Section Update—Soon games will be available for checkout and the gaming system (purchased with Board funds) will be in use for the Summer Reading Program.
 - B. Children's Section Update—None available at this time.

- IV. New Business—New Business was brought forth by Nancy. A joint meeting with Bemidji City Council and Beltrami County discussed security at the Library. Surveillance cameras in the Library have been recommended by the Bemidji Police Department as drug activity, etc. has been suspected on Library property. Nancy will look into this further and report to the Board. Nancy also suggested a half-time security officer but County officials were against this idea. Could there be a rotation of City Police Reserve at the Library? Nancy will follow up on this idea at the next meeting.

- V. Kitchigami Regional Library Report: Nancy Erickson—A candidate for the Kitchigami Regional Library director has been chosen to do a full Board interview, after, a decision will be made to recommend hiring.

- VI. Friends of the Bemidji Public Library Report: Terry Thomas—No report, Terry absent.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.
Submitted by Cyndi L. Fenske, Secretary