

Moorhead Public Library
Board Meeting
April 11, 2017

Present: Chizuko Shastri, Megan Krueger, Kristi Carlson, Andrew Brammer, Wayne Ingersoll, Linda Anderson, and Mari Dailey.

Absent: Joanne Molstre, Les Bakke

There were enough Board members present to have a quorum. Chizuko Shastri, President, conducted the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved as written.

Approval of the March 14, 2016 Minutes
The minutes were reviewed and approved with the change of the date, from June to March.

Public Comment

No public comment.

LARL Report

Wayne and Mari reported that the lack of funding was a big topic during the meeting. Megan commented that the legislative form will be held tomorrow, April 12, and voters can still come to the meeting to have discussions with the legislators regarding funding.

Director's Report

1,000 books before Kindergarten needs additional funding, as the program is very popular.

LARL mobile app has had more than 1,500 downloads. It isn't only being used for digital items, many people are using it to access the card catalog for physical items. It has been good publicity for what the library offers to patrons who have not been to the library.

Wall clocks, are wrong currently because of a power outage. Megan is still working to replace the clocks with a new system (during the meeting the clock did set itself to the correct time).

Landscaping brick, Youthbuild was contacted, but the director isn't sure they will be able to re-use the current brick. Wayne clarified that the budget for the landscaping and the roof leak would be from the City of Moorhead, not LARL funds.

The front desk would come from the LARL funds, no decision made regarding the desk at this time.

Friends of the library book sale was the most successful yet!

Megan spoke at Moorhead Kwanis. She was also interviewed for MCAM, the episode will air in May.

Mari asked if the Moorhead Police had contacted Megan regarding creating a safety plan for library staff to follow. Megan says they have not yet. Megan would also like to create a consensus between the

library staff and the police department regarding when to call and what the results of the calls should be. Chizuko suggested to create a list of scenarios to present to the police department to begin the discussions.

Other business

Betsy Vinz resigned from the board, so her position in Ward 1 is open. JoAnne Molstre has been absent, but has not resigned.

Friends of the library may be purchasing two big flower pots for the entrance, Bell bank will donate the flowers. Spring cleanup of landscaping will begin soon.

Chizuko mentioned that the LARL mobile app displays new books and movies on the home page, which is good for getting people interested in items.

Customer appreciation day is Friday. Popcorn will be served and door prizes will be handed out. The theme for library appreciation week, this year is Library's Transform. If someone would like to submit a story about how the library transformed their life, they can submit it to either LARL or Moorhead Library online. Many people did not schedule the pop-up libraries that were planned for the week, Megan will be having one at the MSUM day care during the time the parents are picking up their children.

Thank you Chizuko for the delicious pie!

The next Board meeting was scheduled for May 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Submitted by,
Kristi Carlson