

Moorhead Public Library  
Board Meeting  
March 10, 2015

**Present:** Mari Dailey, Bev Lake, Kristi Carlson, Megan Krueger, Chizuko Shastri, Meghann Mausolf Davidson, Joanne Molstre

**Absent:** Lauri Winterfeldt

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

**Approval of the January 13, 2015 Minutes**

The minutes were approved as written with one correction; Chizuko Shastri's last name was misspelled.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Election of Board Secretary**

Kristi Carlson volunteered to serve as Board secretary. A motion was made and seconded to approve Kristi as Board secretary.

**LARL Report**

There was no LARL report available for the meeting.

**Director's Report (handout)**

The extension of hours is helping circulation; facilities are again being used for meetings. The hours of operation will remain the same during the summer months.

During 2015, LARL will highlight a database each month. Staff receive training on each featured database.

Circulation statistics (print material, DVD's, etc.) are down, but the decrease has dwindled compared to past data. The statistics for 2015

are down 500 from January, 2014. Staff efforts will include increasing display of materials and greater efforts in reader's advisory.

The Moorhead Library will participate in KidFest, which will take place at the Moorhead Center Mall on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the program will be covered by Legacy funds.

The Friends of the Moorhead Library will hold their Spring Book Sale on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Meghann, who is the Board liaison to the Friends, told Board members that volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down during the event. The Friends have recently purchased a digital sign and various display tables for the library.

An Otto Bremer Foundation representative conducted a site visit at the Moorhead Library on February 20<sup>th</sup> regarding the grant application to remodel the meeting rooms. Applicants will be notified by May 7<sup>th</sup> of the foundation's decision. Meghan plans to seek additional funding to enhance the current application.

Megan reported that the United Cleaning Service is doing an excellent job of keeping the library clean for patrons and staff.

The solution to financial stability in MN libraries is a formula change from what is now in place regarding the Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS). The regional library system receives operational funds from the State of MN through the RLBSS. By slightly changing the disbursement percentages of funds for basic system services and equalization, libraries across the state would benefit from a stable funding stream rather than dealing with a volatile funding stream from year to year. Legislators in our area have authored or coauthored the Bill for the RLBSS Formula Change.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by

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