

Moorhead Public Library
Board Meeting
May 12, 2015

Present: Lauri Winterfeldt, Mari Dailey, Chizuko Shastri, Sara Daly, Steve Ridenaur, Megan Krueger, Joanne Molstre

Absent: Kristi Carlson, Meghann Mausolf Davidson, Bev Lake

There were enough Board members present to have a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Approval of the March 10, 2015 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.

Public Comment

Steve Ridenour, who has maintained the Eventide library for three years, was present to observe the library Board meeting. He reported that all books are donated to the Eventide library as their budget is zero. There is no check-out system and residents may keep books as long as they want. It was suggested that books not sold at library sales could be donated to Eventide; resident preferences are adult romance, mysteries, and current authors.

New Board Member

Sarah Daly, who is originally from the Moorhead area, was introduced as the new Board member.

Introduction of Library Staff

Candace Perry is the Youth Librarian at the Moorhead Library. She visited local Head Start classes on March 10th, gave a Boy Scout troop a tour of the library on March 16th and hosted the Maud Hart Lovelace Voting Gala in conjunction with Moorhead schools on March 23rd. She is currently planning the summer reading program which is developed for pre-reading youth, readers who maintain a reading log, and teens who can submit their log on-line.

LARL Report

Two new members were sworn in at last meeting. The budget was evaluated and members approved the auditor's report.

Director's Report (handout)

Building Issues

The Moorhead public Library will receive grant funds to remodel the public meeting rooms. The grant will include a \$20,000 direct grant as well as a dollar for dollar matching opportunity up to \$10,000. Megan will be meeting with staff from Christianson's regarding rearranging the library. The current arrangement may not be the best for foot traffic or aesthetics. With the purchase of new items, professional input is needed for furniture placement.

The front entrance and restrooms have been painted. Youthbuild is currently sanding and refinishing tables and chairs throughout the library. The work to repair the elevator wall should be completed soon.

Policy/Product Review (handouts)

The Meeting Room Policy has been updated. Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis. If a particular day or time is in high-demand, library staff may intervene so that groups can use the space on an equitable basis.

The Security Camera Policy, which is a new policy, states that cameras are used where needed to provide peace of mind to library patrons and staff by discouraging violations of the Behavior Policy, to assist staff in preventing the occurrence of any violations, and to provide law enforcement assistance in prosecuting criminal activity if necessary.

Other Business

The library staff hosted a bus trip to the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul on April 25th. Attendance was to capacity; a similar trip is tentatively being planned for the fall. The cost of the trip was paid for by Legacy dollars.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on July 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joanne Molstre
Secretary, pro tem