

Moorhead Public Library  
Board Meeting  
March 10, 2020

Present: Kristi Carlson, Megan Krueger, Doug Greenley, Samantha Gust, Robert Anderson, Chizuko Shastri, Neely Benton, Shelly Carlson, Kim Melton

Absent: Linda Anderson

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

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the correction that the yearly endowment fund be added to other business.

Approval of the January Minutes

The minutes were approved with the correction that Doug Greenly and Shelly Carlson were absent.

Public comment

N/A

Welcome new member(s)

Chizuko and Neely signed the oath and were welcomed by the board.

2020 Election of Officers

Linda Anderson is willing to remain President

Doug and Robert nominated for Vice President

Sam nominated for secretary

The votes were cast by written ballot and the outcome was:

President: Linda Anderson

Vice President: Doug Greenly

Secretary: Sam Gust

Director's report

The "Blind Date with a Binge Bag" was very successful this year. They are thinking about combining it with the "Your Next 5 Books" Program.

National Library week is coming up. There will be a promotion with various Moorhead businesses, where patrons can show their card at the business for a promotional item.

The annual city council event will be held during National Library week. The date is still to be determined, but the tentative plan is Wednesday, March 21 between 5-7pm.

Community resource fair will be hosted at the library on March 31, along with coffee with the mayor later that same evening.

2020 Census

For funding, the MN Dept of Education gives grants based on the census numbers

The library will host open house Census fairs

Jess Eaves was promoted from Assistant to Librarian

Friends of the Moorhead Library will be hosting a book sale March 26-28.

#### Book Truck Update

Launched in February, we are still raising money for getting the vehicle ready and extra staffing hours. The truck is planning to go to Azool, Romkey, North Moorhead and Dilworth areas. Chizuko asked if there is a donation envelope for just the book truck, Megan says that most donations are coming through online and that credit cards are accepted. Shelly suggested they make a poster with the donations goal, where they fill in the amounts as the donations come in. Megan has been going to various service organizations to raise awareness.

There is a planned kickoff event, but those plans have not been set.

Shelly suggested sending a thank you card to Lori Van Beek from the library board for her help in getting the vehicle.

Reminder to ask those you know for donations, both personal and businesses.

#### Other Business

Voted on the Moorhead Library endowment fund, currently there is around \$6,200

Shelly moved to reinvest, Doug seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Chizuko is wondering why she wasn't notified by the city when she was nominated for the board. Shelly explained that there was a new employee who missed this during a busy time in the schedule. In the future, they are creating a process that needs to be followed so it will not be missed.

Driveway repair - the current driveway would cost about \$16,000 to repair. Widening the driveway and repairing it would cost about \$19,000. The city does not currently have the money to fund this project, and Megan would like other library projects funded before the driveway repair.

Dr. Bob Zimmerman, city engineer gave a presentation to the city council explaining the probability of a flood happening this spring. There will also be a public flood meeting on March 12 at 6pm. At this time, it looks like it will not get above 39'

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Kristi Carlson