

**Moorhead Library**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting, February 8, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Doug Greenley, Kellie Meehlhause, Chizuko Shastri, Neely Benton, Kim Melton, Samantha Gust, Laura Caroon

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. There were enough board members present to have a quorum. Doug Greenly, Board President, conducted the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

- Kellie moved to approve agenda, Laura seconded. Motion passed.
- No discussion

**Approval of Minutes from November 9 Meeting**

- Kim moved to approve the minutes, Laura seconded, motion passed
- No discussion

**Legislative Update**

- Liz Lynch, Executive Director of LARL shared information on legislative funding
  - o Library systems are to receive funding from both the legislature and the county in which they reside. Presently, 72% of operating budget is paid by the counties
    - § Asking for an increase of \$2 million for all state library systems, a formula change, and an infusion of financial support
    - § A call to reach out to legislative members to encourage their support of these bills and invest in their local libraries and to write letters to the editor of local newspapers in support of libraries was made

**2022 Officer Elections & Discussion**

- Discussion regarding Vice President automatically becomes president the following year was had. Board decided to not pursue the change. The president/vice president voting will remain the same
- Election for the following positions
  - o President – Doug Greenly
  - o Vice President – Neely Benton
  - o Secretary – Samantha Gust
    - § Laura moved to vote as a “ticket”. Neely seconded, motion passed.
- No discussion

**Library/Community Center Project Update**

- The council voted to include the half-cent sales tax on the November ballot
- Task force will meet February 9, 2022 to discuss next steps

- Hosting summer concert series this summer along with other larger events to continue promoting the library and its services

#### **LARL Board Update – LARL Members**

- Chizuko shared report from last meeting

#### **City Council Report – Council Liaison**

- Moorhead joined cities across MN in recognizing the climate crisis
- Passed a resolution to encourage citizens, businesses, organizations to continue working together to slow the spread of COVID-19

#### **Director's Report**

- Traffic is continuing to increase
- Uptick in unwanted activity. Working with the city and police to address the issue

#### **Other Business**

- Meetings are to be held in-person, however a Zoom link will be provided as needed

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.**

Next meeting scheduled for April 12, 2022