

**Moorhead Public Library  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
February 13, 2024 | 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Chizuko Shastri, Samantha Gust, Neely Benton, Karin Olson Held, Sonja Bloomquist

**Members not present:** Doug Greenley, Charley Johnson, Laura Caroon

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. There were enough board members present to have a quorum. Neely Benton, Board Vice Chair, conducted the meeting

**Approve Agenda**

- Samantha moved to approve the agenda; Karin seconded. Motion passed.

**Approve minutes from November 2023 meeting**

- Sonja moved to approve the meeting minutes; Neely seconded. Motion passed

**2024 Board Elections**

- Neely nominated as chair
- Samantha nominated as vice chair
- Karin nominated secretary
- Sonja motioned to approve the nominations as is, Karin seconded. Motion passed.

**Welcome new member(s)**

- Sonja Bloomquist welcomed as at-large member.

**Library and Community Center Update**

- Presently working on the design and development phase. The public is scheduled to see renderings and floor plans soon.
- Still discussing logistics including hours of operation.
- Security services have raised costs this year. Will need to reduce hours of coverage this fiscal year.
- Coverage of the community center is being discussed.

**LARL Board Update**

- Reviewed LARL Board meeting report from January 18, 2024

**Director's Report**

- Increase in visitors, meeting room usage, new customers, notary services
- Now offers a Spanish story time; third Saturday of each month
- Implemented Aspen, a new discover layer for LARL online catalog
- Book blizzard, winter reading program, currently underway
- Review new staff
- Upcoming events: Peace Corp series, Testify exhibit and reception, From Minnesota State Parks – National Parks and Beyond exhibit and reception

**Other Business**

- Giving Hearts Day – The Friends of the Library made \$9,300
- Discussed how to join the Friends of the Library
- Sonja will serve as liaison of the Friends of the Library
- Samantha will serve as liaison for the MooreHeart Awards

**The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm. Next Meeting: April 9, 2024**