

International Falls Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017

Present: Library Director Diane Adams, John Dalton, Dick Peterson, Paul Nevanen, Darcy Sullivan, Lindsi Barnhart, Ted Saxton

Ted Saxton called the meeting to order: 4:30 p.m.

Introductions were made as Lindsi Barnhart our second new member was present.

Review of January meeting minutes. Nevanen made a motion to approve the minutes, Peterson seconded, motion approved.

Financial Report

The current bills were reviewed. Peterson made a motion to pay the bills, Dalton seconded, motion carried. Dalton signed to pay the bills.

Director's Report

January circulation was 4% higher than December 2016 and 6% higher than January 2016. 36 new cards were given in January. Junior non-fiction has been weeded and shifted. Kits are being created to try and encourage parents and children to check out different kinds of materials. Birding, fishing, geo-caching and hiking backpacks will be among the kits created.

Old Business:

Upcoming programs include "Old MacDonald Has a Banjo" on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:30 am, Edible Car contest on Saturday, February 25th at 10:30 am, storytimes each Thursday morning and Handiwork Nights February 14 and 28, 6 – 8 pm.

Hoopla will have a soft start on Friday, February 10th with patrons who discover it being limited to two items for the time being. A link will be on the catalog page of the website. Official start will be March 1 with lots of publicity going out. The county commissioners tabled the proposal to provide an additional \$5,000 to the library for county residents to be able to access Hoopla. It will be easy to add them to the service if the commissioners vote to approve the increase in budget. Board has chosen at this time to not offer a way for county residents to pay the library for the service. Dick has requested a Hoopla party.

The library has no takers for the 2017 team reading challenge so a plan B was figured out. Twice a month, a new reading challenge will be posted in the library and on the Facebook page. February 1 challenge – read a book set in Canada, February 15 challenge – read a book with an African American as the main character, March 1 challenge – read a book with a woman as the main character.

The library will be receiving a bequest from Anna Myer's estate. We will work at the March meeting on creating a plan for the bequest. Diane will meet with Katie, the city's Financial officer before then to talk about options for investing the bequest to set up an account that would provide a good interest rate and allow the library to spend the interest each year for a special project.

New Business:

Requesting bid from Sheldon Zook for new tables in the reading area upstairs. No progress on scheduling new carpet for south side main floor.

Diane met with RSVP (retired seniors volunteer program) and they will help recruit volunteers to process new materials at the library.

Diane proposed a by-law change to allow the director to take minutes as it has been difficult to get someone to be secretary. By-laws can't be changed at the same meeting as change proposed, so by-law change will be in packet next month for voting.

Election of President was held with Nevanen nominating Ted Saxton, seconded by Peterson. Dick Peterson was nominated by Saxton and seconded by Nevanen for Vice-President. Motions approved.

Peterson asked for an item to be added to the agenda each month asking board members what they are reading.

Friends of the Library book sale, Thursday, February 9, 2017, 3:00-5:00p.m.

Next board meeting: March 8, 2017, 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:20 p.m.