

Spring Green Community Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Sue Meise at 5:00 PM in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Present: Sue Meise, Linda Thering, Linda Kettner, Ed Lilla, Sam Van Hallgren, Janet Keel, Carrie Portz (director)

Absent: Robin Reid

Guests: Bridget Roberts, Patti Peltier

Review & Adopt the Agenda: Linda Thering moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Sam Van Hallgren. Motion carried.

Review & Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Linda Kettner moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Ed Lilla. Motion carried.

Treasurer & Financial Report: Linda Kettner moved to accept the treasurer & financial reports, seconded by Sam Van Hallgren. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Linda Thering moved to accept the bills, seconded by Janet Keel. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Carrie distributed her report. She noted that circulation and library visits may be down recently because of the weather. We have had more programs than last year, but had to cancel a couple because of weather. Youth Services began the Year in Space. Several programs have been planned for this. Other youth programming includes beginning sewing, craft supply swap, STEAM storytime, activities during school spring break, and a Poetry Slam. Adult programming will include Inga Witcher, Circle of Courage, and a screening of "Green Fire" an Aldo Leopold documentary. Staff training is on-going. Other things included in the report were help provided to Taliesin in the form of book presses, Community Room usage, Farmer's Market, and a listening session for the Public Library System Redesign.

Friends Update: The 10 minute play contest is coming up in conjunction with their annual meeting.

Old Business

-Discussion of Library Garden with Patti Peltier: Patti distributed some ideas that she had for the garden space. These included planting the area in turf grass, making space for lawn games, outdoor furniture, extending border plantings for privacy, pondless water features, and labyrinths. Other suggestions include a stage area for programs. We would like to use this as an extension of the library. We would like to seek input from the community on this project.

-Discussion of Strategic Planning Process in 2019: Carrie followed up on questions from our previous meeting. She feels it would be good for us to have a representative from WILS come and talk to us about their process with regard to our question about using parts of their program. This is an expensive process. They are working on a process for small libraries to participate as a group. There were no grants available. Linda Kettner

moved to go with SCLS strategic planning service, seconded by Janet Keel. Motion carried.

New Business

-Consideration of Adjacent County Reimbursement Requests: Linda Kettner moved to submit for reimbursement from adjacent counties, seconded by Sam Van Hallgren. Motion carried.

-Discussion of Library Investment Policy: Carrie distributed notes she took from other library policies. Carrie emailed us copies of policies from 4 libraries. We would like to have investment income that would continue to grow and we would be able to withdraw money to meet yearly financial needs. Linda Thering will extend the CDs that are coming due soon. We recognize the need for an investment policy. We will talk about this at our next meeting.

Public Comment: Bridget Roberts mentioned a name who may have knowledge about canvas coverings for the garden.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Adjournment: Ed Lilla moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Linda Thering. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ketter