

## **Library Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

5:00 pm

Blanchardville Public Library

**Present:** Stuart Bisbee, Heidi Hankley, Elizabeth Steele, Beth Kundert, Trisha Wahl, Grace Knutson

**Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order at 4:58 pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beth presented the board with her report and noted a checking balance of \$671.45. Her report also indicates that two CDs will mature in 2022, one in April and the other in December.

**Secretary's Report:** The board reviewed the minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting. Beth moved to accept the minutes as presented; second by Elizabeth. Motion carried. Stuart noted that the meeting minutes are now available for viewing on the library website.

### **Business:**

**Discussion about interest in starting a Friends of the Library Group:** Stuart inquired with the board if there was still interest in starting a friends group for the library. His research shows that the process is somewhat complicated and would entail a fair amount of work. He has talked with staff at the Argyle library about their experience as they are starting a group to facilitate fundraising for a new library. The board discussed reasons for starting a friends group and decided that at this time a formal friends group is not necessary.

**Discussion about replacing shelving for the DVDs:** Stuart would like to explore options for replacing the rotating shelving that currently holds the DVD collection. He and Jenny feel that it is hard to use and difficult to move for elections and other functions that take place in the library. Because the rotating shelving is relatively new, the board suggested that the current shelving be sold to help off-set the cost of a new unit. Stuart will continue looking for something he feels will work better.

### **Reports:**

**Program attendance and future programs:** Stuart provided the board with information about program attendance, circulation, and library usage, noting that things have been slower in January, likely due to the cold weather and COVID surge. Stuart reported that the Switch gaming, afterschool, storytime, and book club programs will continue, and he's adding a program called "Blind Date with a Book" for February. Stuart is also arranging for a magician to do a program this coming summer.

**Iowa County grant follow-up:** Stuart attended the Iowa County board meeting and received the grant money for the seed library project. Stuart will use some of the money to buy seeds and the remainder for the custom shelving unit that will house the seed collection. The unit is expected to be installed in February.

**Notice of upcoming annual report deadline in February:** Stuart informed the board that the annual report is due on 2/25/2022. The board asked Stuart to send a copy of the report via email to board members for review. If there are no objections, Grace will sign the report so Stuart can submit it. The board will close out this matter at the next board meeting.

**Additional Comments from Library Board and Public, not on agenda:**

Stuart reported that the Southwest Wisconsin Library System was able to install an explicit content blocking system on the wi-fi available to patrons. The blocker was not installed on the computers in the library which can be monitored by staff.

**Set Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 5pm  
Blanchardville Public Library

**Adjournment:** Heidi moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Beth. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Hankley, Secretary