

Library Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

5:00 pm

Blanchardville Public Library

Present: Stuart Bisbee, Heidi Hankley, Trisha Wahl, Grace Knutson

Absent: Elizabeth Steele, Beth Kundert

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Beth submitted her report to the board in her absence. She notes an ending balance in the checking account of \$359.04. Grace moved to accept the treasurer's report as submitted; second by Trisha. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: The board reviewed the minutes of the January 26, 2022 meeting. Grace moved to accept the minutes as presented; second by Trisha. Motion carried.

Business:

Follow up on Blanchardville Public Library's 2021 Annual Report: Stuart noted that he had to make two changes to the annual report the board reviewed in January. First, the total amount of the county money account balance must be reported each year. Previously, only the county money received for the current year was recorded, not the running balance of the account. Stuart has implemented this change. Second, as spelled out in the library board by-laws, income to the library including donations and fines, needs to be deposited into the library account, not into the library board account as was done previously. Stuart and Amy Barnes (Village Clerk) have put this new practice in place moving forward. Trisha moved to approve the 2021 annual report as amended by Stuart; second by Grace. Motion carried.

Volunteers for Book Sale: Stuart is looking for volunteers to help with the book sale as part of the village-wide garage sale weekend, April 29-30. He would like to have a table set up outside, weather permitting, and plans to use a service to sell or recycle any books left over after the sale.

Reports:

Program attendance: Stuart reported that attendance at programs has really picked up as follows:

After School: 7 programs with 55 people attending

Storytime: 7 programs (in-person and virtual) with 8 people attending

Switch Gaming: 6 programs with 65 people attending

Book Club for Adults: Monthly program with 8-10 regular attendees

Stuart visited the middle school and highschool to promote the library and its programs. He reported that 7-10 new library cards were issued as a result of his visit. Stuart also reported a good response to the new seed library and the take-home art kits provided by Heidi.

Future Programs:

- **D&D:** Stuart reported that he has had requests to start up a Dungeons and Dragons group at the library, so he will look into making this happen.
- **Virtual Reality Headset:** Stuart will look into purchasing a virtual reality headset for use in the library.
- **Musical instruments:** Stuart suggested that some of the county money could be used to purchase an electronic piano and headphones that could be set up in the back of the library for patron use. The board also suggested purchasing other instruments that would be available for check out. Stuart will gather pricing information.
- **Bridging Generations Art Program:** The Association of Wisconsin Artists will be offering art classes for elementary and middle schoolers at the American Legion building on May 11 and 14. These classes are part of a statewide program and will conclude with an art display in the library following the classes as well as possible display in a statewide show.
- **Summer Library Program (SLP):** This year's theme is "Dive into Reading- Oceans of Possibility". Stuart has hired "Magic of Isaiah" to perform in June as part of the SLP. He also plans on having reading incentive programs for children and adults. Stuart will reach out to the Master Gardener Program to see if someone is willing to do a program related to the new seed library. All of the regular programs will continue through the summer except that the virtual version of Storytime will be suspended.
- **Geocaching:** Stuart would like to create a geocache location in the library.
- **Rock painting:** Grace brought up the idea of initiating a community rock painting project. She will try to get this going at the school and suggests that the library could be a place where participants can come to create painted rocks.

Showcase of 2021 SWLS annual report: Stuart presented the board with a showcase of statistics and photos highlighting the accomplishments of the Southwest Wisconsin Library System in 2021.

Additional Comments from Library Board and Public, not on agenda: None.

Set Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 5pm
Blanchardville Public Library

Adjournment: Heidi moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Trisha. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Hankley, Secretary