

March 18, 2020 Valley Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

Call to Order: President, Cole Buffington called the March 18, 2020 Board Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Trustees answering roll call: Cole Buffington, Kyle Held, Teresa Mejstrik, and James Musson. Theresa Samson was absent. Library Director Sami Stewart was in attendance.

Proof of Posting / Open Meetings Act Poster: The meeting was held in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law, with meeting notice posted in the post office, City Hall, and the library bulletin board. Continuously updated copies of the agenda were maintained on the library's bulletin board and the library's website.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by K. Held, second by T. Mejstrik. Yeas: Buffington, Held, Mejstrik and Musson. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0. There were no consent agenda items which required approval.

Recognition of Visitors/Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: C. Buffington asked for public comment. None was given.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by K. Held, second by T. Mejstrik. Yeas: Buffington, Held, Mejstrik, and Musson. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Board President: No official report.

Library Director: S. Stewart handed out a written document of the Librarian's Report which she went over verbally and answered questions from the Board.

Friends of the Library: No official report, Gerri is out with foot surgery.

Foundation: No official report.

Old Business

COVID-19 Update: The board discussed the ongoing COVID-19 situation, and decided to keep current measures in effect. The library will remain closed on Saturdays, and patrons are encouraged to limit their visits to 30 minutes. Discussion was held on when to open Saturdays, and it was decided to keep waiting until the Douglas County Health COVID risk dial hit "yellow". It is expected that we will hit "yellow" before the next board meeting.

New Business

Sydney is expecting a little boy in August, and has expressed an interest in staying with the library if covering her three-month maternity leave is feasible. Discussion was held as to what tasks would need covered, and what that coverage would look like. It was decided that Sami would speak with our on-call staff, other local librarians, the local library school, etc. to see if a temporary employee with some library experience could be found. Sami will report back at the next board meeting.

Comments and Announcements by Board Members:

None.

Meeting Adjournment was announced by C. Buffington at 7:17 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sami Stewart, acting as Secretary