

Maltman Memorial Library Board

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2022

Myriah called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Open Meetings Act acknowledged.

Roll Call: Mary Harders, Anna Fehringer, Myriah Leisher and Director Veronica Kaufman were present.

Matt Troyer-Miller and Abby Rennau were absent.

Minute Approval: Mary moved and Myriah seconded approval of the May 19, 2022 minutes. Approved 3/0.

Financial Report: Anna signed off on the May expenses. Veronica commented she had not spent as much on book expense as she had thought. Myriah moved and Anna seconded the motion to approve and reimburse the \$117.20 Veronica spent personally for library operations. Approved 3/0.

*Expense comments:* Veronica mentioned the library received \$899.00 from the library commission for maintaining a certified status in 2021. She plans to use the funds towards programming.

General discussion about graphic novels commenced and their popularity with youth. Veronica plans to purchase some with part of the \$4,000 grant funds.

Mary suggested by the end of the library's budget year the Board approve the actual amount spent on books that was originally allocated to salary expense.

Audience Participation: None

Library Directors Report:

*May Patronage:* Library patron traffic increased in May & June. Some days library had 23-25 patrons.

*Programming:* Good participation. Have 27 signed up for the summer reading program.

Old Business:

*Prime Time Reading:* The application to participate this fall was submitted. Per discussion with Kris from Stick Creek Kids, daycare employees could staff most of the required program positions.

*Building Committee:* Next meeting is week of June 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Friends of the Library:* First organizational meeting was June 13<sup>th</sup> at the library.

*Employee Heidi:* Heidi has stopped coming to work and appears to be blocking Veronica's calls. Heidi still needs to return two books and her library key. Veronica will ask Mayor Cramer about changing the library locks.

New Business:

*Board member resignation:* Abby Rennau emailed her notice of resignation from the library board to Myriah. Abby resigned because she moved outside the city of Wood River. Myriah moved and Anna seconded approving Abby's June 9, 2022 resignation. Approved 3/0.

*Tlixali hiring:* Myriah moved and Anna seconded hiring Tlixali Rodriguez as a summer assistant librarian. Approved 3/0. Tlixali would work until college starts on August 15. Veronica will continue the search for a long-term assistant.

*Security cameras and pepper spray:* Issue tabled until next meeting. Anna emphasized need for cameras.

*Library policy:* Veronica provided the most recent copy of library policy. Mary suggested we update using policies from other small libraries and the library commission.

*FunFest:* Funfest committee would like all businesses to have a float. Tabled until next meeting.

*Humanities Nebraska:* Veronica obtained 10 free bags of toys/stuffed animals/childrens' books to give away to patrons this summer. Mary suggested giving them to the first 10 families signing up for the Prime Time program.

*Veronica annual leave request:* Veronica asked to have June 27<sup>th</sup> off and leave early on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Anna signed the leave request.

*City survey results:* Anna summarized the city survey results into 4 main areas. Biggest issues were improving city parks, getting a coffee shop, affordable housing & 40-50 respondents noted food insecurity & didn't know Wood River had a food pantry. Committees were appointed to address the issues.

Adjournment:

Mary moved, Anna seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Approved 3/0.

Next Meeting: July 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the library.