

**MORRILL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

**1. ROUTINE MATTERS:**

- A. President Deb Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Deb stated that notice of the meeting was posted in three places and the MPL Board meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Laws and will be conducted as such.
- B. Members present: Deb Meyer, Kathy Calahan, Pete Cawiezel, Carol Wells, and Director Sarah Alfred.
- C. Pete moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2024. Carol seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- D. Sarah reported that she is still been receiving memorial money from several local memorials.

**2. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS:**

- A. Financial Report: Sarah provided each member a copy of the 2023-24 library itemized spending. There was no Village budget available until Jenine returns.

**3. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT:**

- A. Sarah provided a detailed report to each board member and a copy was sent to the Village Office.  
Friday adult mornings -She has activities planned for each Friday morning in September.  
Repairs and Maintenance – The library flooded again after a heavy rain on August 23.  
New Materials - The library has received many new large print books as well as some from author William Kent Kruger who will be visiting the panhandle later.  
Meetings - The Western Library System annual meeting was held Aug. 5 at the Wildcat Hills. It went well with 73 people attending.  
After School Program – The program will begin on October 4, 2024 and applications will go out in a few weeks.  
Pete asked if Sarah’s report could include a count of patrons using the library as well as how many books and videos are being checked out. Sarah agreed.  
Pete moved to approve Sarah’s report and Deb seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. There was no unfinished business.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. After School Program – The program will begin on October 4, 2024 for Kindergarten, first, and second graders. Registration begins the week of September 23-27.
- B. Sarah will be writing several grants that are coming up. Advantage Archives our files for \$4095. There is a grant that may pay to have that done. Pete asked if we would get the original back and Sarah will check into that. She also mentioned an internship grant that she will apply for.
- C. Sarah will attend a workshop in Alliance on October 4, 2024.

- D. Banned Book Week is the last week of September and another scavenger hunt is being planned for that week.
- E. Kim Schledewitz is our new Library Board representative for the library. Our meeting time will change to 5:30 p.m. to enable her to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Pete made a motion to adjourn and Kathy seconded, The motion carried.  
Deb adjourned the meeting at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Calahan, MPL Board Secretary