

## LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

May 14, 2018

Members present: Fournier, Hoehn, McManus, Niederkorn, Radloff, Rund, Tetrick, Trisko and Halgren (staff)

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 6:59 p.m.

### **Consent Agenda**

- Minutes – M/S/A
- Bills – M/S/A

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Repair and Maintenance

- The remaining buckthorn was removed from the front of the library (5/7). The board discussed different options for landscaping. Trisko will ask her daughter to provide a care estimate.
- Central Roofing will begin work (5/15) on our flat roof over the library's addition since we've been having leakage in the meeting room and the main floor.

#### Update on Mobile Library Service

- Staff have been rethinking the scooter idea since storage was going to be a big problem. Ann Meehl, our former shelver Bob's wife, would like to give a unique memorial gift to the library, so the idea of a bike cart was suggested to her since Bob often biked to work.
- The WIKE Cargo Buddy looks like it will satisfy our needs, and it does come with a cover for weather emergencies. We'd like to start out small with our mobile library service and see how it goes before investing in a scooter, and this seems like a nice compromise.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve of the plan for the bike cargo buddy. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Circulation Stats – down only .64% in April!

#### Elections

- Trisko and Rund have both served their limits as president and vice president. Fournier could serve one more year in her position.
- Radloff was nominated as President
- McManus was nominated as Vice President
- Fournier was nominated as Secretary
- All nominations were made as one motion, were seconded and passed unanimously.

### Southview Blvd. Road Construction

- As of 5/14, the Southview Boulevard project has begun. This will affect traffic by the library since a small portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. will also be torn up and replaced with the intersection of Marie and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. modified with accessibility features.
- This is expected to occur sometime between May and the end of July.
- Parking will become even more of an issue for visitors to the library.

### Ally Supportive Services

- Isiah Montgomery of Ally Supportive Services has been walking through the library and using our meeting room every other Tuesday morning to help any residents with housing issues, SNAP, addiction services, etc.
- Wentworth Library has had great success connecting Isiah with the homeless in West St. Paul, so we thought we'd offer his services here, too.

### Staff Day 2018

- Friday, October 19, has been selected as our second Staff Day. The committee will be meeting soon to discuss speakers, sessions, food, and more.
- The board made a motion, that was seconded and passed unanimously, to approve of October 19 as a staff day and to close the library that day.

### Summer Reading Program

- South St. Paul is more closely aligning with Dakota County's summer reading program now that MELSA has dropped the Bookawocky theme and the county is offering a new online version of the program called READSquared.
- The online version will give the same activities as the paper version, but it also provides parents/caregivers with access to all children's reading logs in one place, gives reading recommendations, badges, etc.
- The reading program is now called Summer Discovery, it starts June 6, and it features many programs where children will learn about nature and the natural world since we're partnering with Dakota County Parks and will hold programs featuring animals, trees, science, etc.
- One new program Commers is offering is SciGirls, based on the popular science program for girls on PBS.
- Teens will receive a booklet when they register containing a ticket to the Cascade Bay Teen Takeover on August 8. There are 6 Teen-Tac-Toe boards in the booklet. When teens have completed a line (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) on 3 boards, they can redeem them at the library for a free book and a prize drawing entry. Additional boards can be completed/redeemed to earn additional prize drawing entries. Prizes in the drawing include things such as MN Twins tickets, State Fair tickets, and additional free books.
- Commers also filled out a form for donations at Half-Price Books and received 200 books as donations for the reading program as well as three \$5 gift cards. We once again will have a nice crop of volunteers to help with programs and registration.

### Current Programming

- Halgren presented programming information on 4/12 during the reprise of *City Link*, a local happenings program broadcast on cable by TownSquare TV

### Adult Programs

- Cracked Walnut Spring Lit Fest (4/19) brought in 16 participants
- 9 learned about Smartphone Basics and Security (4/23)

- Antiques Appraisal (4/28) attracted 41 treasure enthusiasts
- Tales of Trickery Silver Tea (5/2) brought 32 people to Lawshe Memorial Museum
- Notes of Spring (5/3) drew 18 to hear harp and flute music
- 14 created Upcycled Make & Take Succulent Planters and Decoupage Candle Holders (5/7)
- 12 attended the last book clubs of the season before returning in the fall, but members can participate in an online book club over the summer if interested.
- *Upcoming:* String Art (6/4); Bill Cosgrove Author Visit (6/14).

#### Children's Programs

- Four ECFE storytimes occurred in April with two onsite and two at ECFE's site.
- Create-a-Play: Wizarding World with Steppingstone Theatre (4/21) was a very successful program with 34 attendees
- Family Game Night with Emily Eidenschink, SSP Royalty (4/26) attracted 28 gamers
- Headstart/CAP came to the library for their first tour and storytime (5/2)
- Our Homeschool Library Lesson brought in 21 participants.
- *Upcoming:* Outreach to preschoolers and class visits in preparation for Summer Discovery; Trees, Trees, Trees with the Story Man from England (6/8); Kid Coders: If Flash, then Clap (6/12); SciGirls: Heart to Heart (6/12).

Book Sale - Many bags of books were sold, making \$151.

#### Other/Correspondence

- Sidewalks will be fixed this year
- Reminder to check out new website
- Rund mentioned book regarding local rejuvenation of cities featuring Duluth on *CBS Sunday Morning*.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting – June 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Fournier  
Secretary