

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2018

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

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction of new board member: John Ross

Consent Agenda

- Minutes – M/S/A
- Bills – M/S/A

Unfinished Business

Repair and Maintenance

- The flat roof patch on May 15 has stopped our persistent leak over the rental DVDs. Further work to the roof depends on renovation/rebuild plans for the library.
- The left sign holder by the front door was removed from the building on June 4 before it fell and shattered.

Update on Mobile Library Service

- Our WIKE cargo buddy trailer has been ordered and has arrived. We've decided to call this initial venture Librarian on Wheels, and we'll be getting side banners as well as a plaque for the back commemorating Bob Meehl. We hope to give it its inaugural run on the opening day of the Farmers' Market, June 20.

Southview Blvd. Road Construction

- We've been informed our water will not be turned off during construction, which is a huge relief.
- The superintendent of schools has also graciously agreed to allow us to direct patrons to the old Pro Pharmacy parking lot, which now services early learning attendees and school personnel.

New Business

Circulation Stats

- Down 7.43%; we are expecting lower-than-usual circulation due to construction/parking issues this summer

ADA Study Outcomes

- In May 2017, the City Council authorized a consultant services agreement with JQP, Inc., and Stonebrooke Engineering to provide a cost effective and comprehensive approach for an ADA

Self-Inventory and Transition Plan for the city. This plan documents a public entity's good faith efforts to comply with the ADA Title II requirements.

- The study identified several areas where various city entities needed to alter current facilities or programs to comply with these requirements.
- Halgren presented a brief document highlighting main issues with the library. With the library's status in limbo regarding renovation or reconstruction, several items will be put on hold for the meantime, but some suggestions can be addressed and fixed now.

New Collection

- VOX books – Commers has ordered 10 VOX books at a cost of \$42.95 a piece. These books have a built-in digital audio player in the front cover that reads the book to the child, signaling when to turn the page. We'll be getting a mix of picture books and juvenile non-fiction titles. Included with this order are two charger cords, but the batteries are expected to last for over 75 readings. We'll follow suit with DCL in checking them out for three weeks without renewals or holds, at least initially.

Reference/Tech Desk Reorganization

- In the latter part of May, we decided to change things up a bit in the name of better public service. Honora Rodriguez, our adult services librarian, is now downstairs and is fielding tech questions and tougher reference questions. A new wide desk was purchased so that reference transactions can be carried on with the patron seated, allowing room for devices, papers, etc. lone Kealy, our technical paraprofessional, has moved upstairs in the workroom which is now a true workroom devoted to processing, cataloging and expediting of materials. All processing items (stickers, labels, etc.) are now in one place instead of two, effectively organizing the work area and allowing ease of ordering of supplies. The teen area will move back into lone's old work area, but this will have to wait until after Summer Discovery is over to be fully completed since Amy Commer's a little busy now with summer reading.

Benefits of Independence vs. Collaboration

- Halgren broached the subject of discussing the pros and cons of staying an independent library vs. collaboration with Dakota County Library System. She will send out her initial list and has asked board members to consider these options in preparation for a discussion at July's board meeting.

Lobby Inspection

- We've budgeted for painting the lobby this year, so Halgren received recommendations from board members regarding color, highlights, etc.

Current Programming

Adult Programs

- Nine enjoyed our last Healthy Cooking evening of the series (5/21).
- Nine also created String Art with Artistry (6/4)
- Rodriguez has been busy with tech tutoring appointments and drop-in reference services.
- The online summer book club is reading Matthew Pearl's *The Dante Club*. Upcoming: Bill Cosgrove Author Visit (6/14); Farmers' Market (6/20).

Children's Programs

- Thirty participants attended our last Stories at Lawshe storytime for the spring (5/15).

- Summer Discovery, our new summer reading program, began June 6. Amy presented to 1324 children at the elementary schools right before school let out. As of this evening we have 31 prereaders, 69 readers and 10 teens signed up.
- Even with all the construction issues, the Story Man from England (6/8) brought in 64 with his Trees, Trees, Trees program.
- *Upcoming:* Kid Coders: If Flash, then Clap (6/12); SciGirls: Heart to Heart (6/12); Summer Playhouse – Dr. Seuss (6/13); Nature Weaving (6/13); Clay Owls w/Abrakadoodle (6/14); Growing Neighbors (6/15); RAD Zoo (6/18); Haiku Hike to Lawshe Park (6/19); Young Curators (6/21); Foil Embossing w/Abrakadoodle (6/21); Art in Nature with Dakota County Parks (6/25); LED Paper Flowers (6/26); Sketchbook or Journal with MN Center for Book Arts (6/28); Kid Coders: Ozobots (7/9).

Other/Correspondence - none

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Next meeting – July 9, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Fournier