Waseca-Le Sueur Regional Library Board Meeting Minutes

November 13th, 2023 | Elysian Public Library

Present: Louise Lund, De Malterer, Patrick Tebbe, Judy Graham, Brian Schanil, Bette Traxler, Cheri Lewer.
Absent: John King
Others: Stacy Lienemann (Director), Afton Finley (Staff), June Rezac (Staff).

I. Call to order: The Library Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by President Bette Traxler at 6:30 pm.

II. Additions to the Agenda:

- Motion by Schanil and second by Lewer to approve the agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of the October meeting minutes:

- Motion by Malterer and second by Graham to approve the October meeting. Approved.

IV. Approval of November bills:

- Motion by Lewer, second by Lund to approve the November bills. Approved.
- Voted for Louise Lund, De Malterer, Patrick Tebbe, Judy Graham, Brian Schanil, Bette Traxler, and Cheri Lewer.

V. Circulation, Activities, and Events Report:

- See the circulation and activities report.
- Down 249 checkouts compared to last year. They are seeing this TdS-wide.
- Overdrive audio is consistently higher than in past years. There has been an increase of research questions this year and a large amount of realia use.

VI. Old Business:

A. Staffing Update
    a. We had four people apply for the Montgomery position. The person who we offered the job to turned it down. Lienemann has reopened the position. She is unsure how long it will take to get it filled. There was a discussion of the duties of the position. There are other library positions in other counties that are also having this problem.

VII. New Business:

A. Thelma Rice Donation
    a. We received a check for over $85,000. They have wrapped up the will and we received the second check of $57,000. This money was put in a special fund and a CD since we do not have a big project yet.

VIII. TdS Report

- They are looking for a full time position in cataloging and ILL. The one million dollar grant is for public school media specialists. The TdS office will be moving after January 1. The landlord says they have to have some sort of retail. They are going to provide library cards, free wifi, and a book drop. ACHF is already approving grants for 2024. Creativebug may be getting sun set by TdS. They are going to be doing a one year contract at this point.

IX. Director's Report

- See the Director's Report.
- The Waterville FOL participated in the Trunk or Treat.
- The last library should be listed as Waterville, not Elysian.

X. Board Comments and Questions

- The First National Bank in Le Center had a reconfiguration and our CD was attached to Bette's personal account. She has gotten it straightened out and it is off her account.

XI. Next Month's Meeting Location

- Next month's meeting is on December 11th, 2023 at Waseca Public Library.

XII. Closed Personnel Meeting

- The Board moved into a closed session at 7:17
- The Board closed meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

XIII. Adjournment

- Traxler adjourned the meeting. Approved.