

FLOYD MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Minutes of meeting on July 13, 2020

Members present:, Melina Angelson, Miriam Foster, Rosemary Gabriel, Buffy Hartmann, Seth Kaufman, Jurgen Riehle, Peter Sacks, Nadira Vlaun and Director Lisa Richland.

Absent: none

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM

There was a correction to the minutes with regards to the sprinkler system and they will be modified and approved at our next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Melina Angelson, presented the report. Our year to date budget shows that our income is slightly under what was expected due to our library being closed (less than 2%). Since we are now at the beginning of our new budget year and with the library beginning to reopen, it is expected that this small amount will not be a problem

There was a motion to accept the report and pay all bills by Peter Sacks seconded by Nadira Vlaun, unanimous vote. The treasurer's reports were accepted and filed for audit.

Communications: We have received emails from two staff librarians concerning our portrait of William Floyd. The library was named residual beneficiary for the estate of Ann Bleich. It is not yet known what this will mean for us.

Director's Report:

Presented by Director Richland. The library is working with its staff on two shifts to keep them separate during the pandemic. The staff has signed up for their annual sexual harassment training.

Committees:

Finance + Budget- The committee will meet in January to develop our next budget

Building – The front sidewalks are completed and looking very nice. We expect to be reimbursed for 50% of the cost based on the grant that we received.

Grounds + Garden – The children's garden has been planted and it is hoped that children will be allowed to be involved by the fall.

Policy.- none

Personnel –. Library director search will be discussed under new business.

Old business: A slate for the new board was presented by Nadira Vlaun:

President-Buffy Hartmann

Vice President- Nadira Vlaun

Treasurer- Melina Angelson

Secretary- Peter Sacks

There was unanimous approval for the new board positions. With this approval Seth Kaufman has relinquished his seat on the board. The board was reminded that Melina is now in her final year and someone will need to become Treasurer next year.

New business: Our committee for the search for a new library director (Rosemary Gabriel, , Jurgen Riehle and Nadira Vlaun) has met and worked with Lisa. It was suggested that they contact Kevin Verbesey of SCLS to work on finalizing our recruitment ad and library directions. It was hoped that an ad could be placed by early August.

The board discussed the controversy regarding our portrait of William Floyd. One librarian would like to see it removed in concurrence with the current social views on racism and another librarian would like to see it used as a teaching moment. Lisa suggested that it might be possible to move the portrait to a new location. Additionally, the board was told that the potential removal of this portrait is being discussed by the community on social platforms and it is Lisa's feeling that many in the community do not support the removal. There are also rumors that the library wishes to change its name, but these rumors are unfounded and it is not known where they come from. The board did not reach a definite consensus on this topic.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM on motion by Melina Angelson. The date of the next meeting needs to be determined.

Following the meeting there was a small gathering to celebrate Seth Kaufman's term on the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Sacks, secretary