

Cloquet Public Library Board
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2016

Members present: Rex Laaksonen, Cathy Rikkola, Marla Ahlgren

Members Absent: Alice Holm, Gerard Sordelet

Also Present: Mary Lukkarila, Library Director; Kerry Kolodge, City Council liaison

- I. President Cathy Rikkola called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.
- II. Approval of minutes: Marla Ahlgren moved, Rex Laaksonen seconded, and board members unanimously approved the minutes of the January 26, 2016, meeting.

III. New/unfinished business:

- New board members are currently being recruited.
- Mary and the staff have gone over Ron McGriff's plans and realize more space is needed, especially for the teen area, which needs to be walled off to lessen the noise. They will make suggestions and see if more space can be made and/or adjusted to fit the library's needs.
- Rep. Mike Sundin met with the Board on February 2 when he was informed of the status and needs of the library. He was given a tour also.
- Annual Report for 2015 is finished. Marla Ahlgren moved and Rex Laaksonen seconded the motion to approve the report. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Part of a state initiative to expand broadband to all Minnesota libraries was brought up as a resolution. Rex Laaksonen moved and Marla Ahlgren seconded the approval/support of the resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Librarian's Report

- There has been some "criminal" activity of late, i.e., video theft, long overdue videos, and damage to the bicycle rack. Appropriate actions have been taken.
- Although Lisbeth Boutang's retirement date is April 8, her last day will be March 10, with cake served from 1-3 on that day. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- The Library Foundation will honor the Friends of the Library at the County Seat Theater with a reception on Thursday, April 14, from 5-7 p.m.
- The application deadline for the Children's Librarian position will close on Friday, February 26. There are some, but not many, qualified applicants. Interviews will take place in March.
- The scheduled March 15 meeting with the City Council may be moved to a later date.

V. Approval of Bills

Rex Laaksonen motioned and Marla Ahlgren seconded, and by a roll call vote, members unanimously approved payment of bills totaling \$10,185.85 for February, 2016.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29.

President Cathy Rikkola adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.