

Cloquet Public Library Board
Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2016

Members present: Marla Ahlgren, Cassandra (Casey) Brissett, Alice Holm, Rex Laaksonen
Cathy Rikkola, Gerard Sordelet

Members absent: none

Also Present: Mary Lukkarila, Library Director

- I. President Cathy Rikkola called the meeting to order at 4:16 PM
- II. Approval of minutes: Marla Ahlgren moved, Rex Laaksonen seconded and board members unanimously approved the minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting. Casey Brissett was introduced and welcomed to the board.
- III. Approval of Bills: Rex Laaksonen moved, Marla Ahlgren seconded, and board members by a roll call vote, approved payment of bills totaling \$10,264.40 for March, 2016.
- IV. New/Unfinished Business
 - *Hiring of Staff---Gerard Sordelet made a motion to accept and Marla Ahlgren seconded the hiring for two part-time positions offered to Amy Tilberg and Mary Chartier. The board unanimously approved.

*Children's Librarian---Three persons were interviewed and the committee with Mary Lukkarila recommended the hiring of Anne Lundquist for this position at Step 6 on the salary scale. Marla Ahlgren motioned to accept and Gerard Sordelet seconded the motion, contingent upon a background check. If Anne declines the position, then we will offer it to Nicole Miller. The motion was unanimously approved by members of the board.

*A Blandin Foundation Grant has been applied for to check out Wi-Fi hot spots and create Makerspaces along with the Moose Lake Library.

*Mark has written a grant to Califa Library Group to participate in a research project for STEM training. This is funded through the National Science Foundation and would be for \$3,500. Marla Ahlgren indicated that Mick Gillespie from FDLTCC may be available to co-facilitate with Mark.

* Nikki and Jill are designing a new Website for the library.

*Corrections/adjustments to the Innovation and Expansion Program prepared by Ron McGriff involving the addition of more space are available to the board to peruse before our April meeting with the City Council. Estimated cost is about \$2.5 million.

*The City Council will meet at the Cloquet Public Library at 5:30 PM on April 19. We would like to proceed with hiring an architect to do sketches. It is anticipated that the

State will offer matching grants for library construction in October. With the approval of the Council, we would like to have that sketch prepared by a qualified architect and be ready to apply for grants.

*Friends of the Library book sale will be on April 30. Book donations are welcome for the sale.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 4:15 PM.

President Cathy Rikkola adjourned the meeting at 4:56 PM.