

Cloquet Public Library Board
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2015

Members Present: Marla Ahlgren, Alice Holm, Dave Johanson, Rex Laaksonen, Cathy Rikkola, Barb Ross, Gerard Sordelet

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

I. President Cathy Rikkola called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes

Marla Ahlgren moved, Alice Holm seconded, and board members unanimously approved the minutes of the December 23, 2014 meeting as submitted.

III. Approval of bills

Rex Laaksonen moved, Dave Johanson seconded, and by a roll call vote members unanimously approved payment of bills totaling \$11,618.71 for January.

IV. Committee reports

At this annual organizational meeting, members signed up for committees as follows:

Policy– Barb Ross, Marla Ahlgren, Rex Laaksonen, Dave Johanson

Budget & Finance– Rex Laaksonen, Barb Ross

Buildings & Grounds– Dave Johanson, Gerard Sordelet, Barb Ross

Strategic Planning– entire board

Public Relations– Alice Holm, Gerard Sordelet

Personnel– Rex Laaksonen, Marla Ahlgren, Dave Johanson, Alice Holm

Foundation– Marla Ahlgren, Alice Holm, Gerard Sordelet

V. New/unfinished business

- Election of officers for 2015

Barb Ross moved the nomination of the existing slate of officers, Gerard Sordelet seconded, and board approved the election of the following officers:

President– Cathy Rikkola

Vice president–Dave Johanson

Secretary– Barb Ross

Treasurer– Rex Laaksonen

- Seed letter. The board approved the revised letter supporting the seed library at the Duluth Public Library and recommending that the legislature revise state law to exempt libraries.
- Mary reminded the board that the joint meeting with the City Council will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the library. One of the things Mary wants to bring up is to again request more financial support from the county. Kerry Kolodge said he would take a letter of request to the county board if Mary would provide it.
- Mary reported the library received a \$5,000 grant from Minnesota Energy Resources to be used in some way for a building program. She said she would like to do a feasibility study for a fund-raising campaign, which would cost about \$25,000. A program study by Ron McGriff would cost about

\$3,500, and a staff study to analyze staff needs in the current library and with an addition would cost about \$7,000-\$7,500. The library would need to raise funds to do the studies, and needs to get Council approval to do any fundraising.

VI. Librarian's report

- Mary reported that the mindfulness workshop for staff was very good, and at some point she would like to have another.
- The fire door to the boiler room needs to be replaced, at a cost of just under \$1,000. Also, the motor on the outer sliding glass door needs to be replaced. They should last about 10 years, and board wanted Mary to check when it was installed, because we didn't think it had been 10 years.
- The library will be closed Feb. 16 for Presidents Day.
- Among upcoming programs:
FUN!!damentals of Photography, Saturday, Feb. 7, from 10 am to 1 pm
Library Reading Club, "Man's Search for Meaning" by Viktor Frankl, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6:30-7:30 pm
Creating, Saving, and Printing a Document, Monday, Feb. 23, 6-8 pm

The next board meeting will be at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 24.

There being no further business, Cathy adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Barb Ross
Secretary