

Cloquet Library Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday October 27, 2020

Members Present via Zoom: Casey Brissett, Gerard Sordelet

Members Present in person: Marla Ahlgren, Steve Korby, Mary Hagen, Don Walsh, Kathy Blais

Others Present: Beth Sorenson, Library Director

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by Marla Ahlgren.

II. Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Steve Korby and seconded by Mary Hagen to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved.

III. New/Unfinished Business

Christmas Holiday Hours

December 25th is on Friday in 2020 and the library will be closed that day. Casey Brissett made a motion to allow the library to be closed on Saturday, December 26, 2020. Mary Hagen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved

Board member terms

Gerard Sordelat's and Mary Hagen's terms on the library board end on December 31, 2020. Gerard is completing his second term and Mary is completing her first term. The library bylaws allow three terms for an individual before a break. Both Gerard and Mary agreed to serve another 3-year term.

Virtual Tour of the Library

Jamie Paquette, a video student at Lake Superior College, has agreed to produce a video of the library for \$15 per hour. The library Foundation has offered to pay for his services. Beth showed the board what he has done so far and the board was very impressed. Not all the areas of the library were finished when Jamie came the first time, so he will be going back to do more videoing. A script and music will be added to the video and will include pictures of the library staff.

Room Rental

The American Legion Auxiliary and the REACH program are no longer interested in renting rooms at the library. The Quilters group is currently renting a room once a month, and paying \$25 per month, at least through the end of the year.

Hot Spots

Two new hot spots have been purchased to replace one that was broken and one that was not returned. There have been no complaints from patrons or staff about how the procedure is currently working.

IV. Librarian's Report

The library is busy at times, and not very busy at other times. The evenings have not been busy, and children have not been coming in as much as before Covid-19.

A thank you page from the library/Foundation will be coming out soon in the local papers mentioning the major donors. Boldt Construction, which donated \$20,000 for the main circulation desk, will also be doing some publicity about the completed library project.

Beth is planning to apply for a \$3,000 grant from the American Library Association (and other entities) to purchase several percussion instruments that would be permanently installed outside the library. The ALA plans to provide 250 grants to small and/or rural libraries. The application deadline is December 2, 2020.

V: Events

November at the library is being called "Dinovember." All the staff are working together to provide a unique experience for all ages with their programming. See the November calendar for details.

VI. Approval of Bills for October: A motion was made by Steve Korby to approve the bills for October 2020 in the amount of \$11,160.67. Each board member approved.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

approved:

Kathy Blais, Secretary