

## Cloquet Library Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday January 26, 2021

Members Present via Google Meet: Marla Ahlgren, Casey Brissett, Steve Korby, Mary Hagen, Gerard Sordelet, Kathy Blais

Member Present via phone: Don Walsh

Others Present via Google Meet: Beth Sorenson, Library Director and Chris Swanson, City Council Liaison

The December Library Board was cancelled. The December 2020 bills in the amount of \$9,741.12 were approved following a motion by Steve Korby on January 6, 2021 and a vote of each board member on January 7, 2021.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm by Marla Ahlgren.

II. Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Steve Korby and seconded by Gerard Sordelet to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Steve Korby to approve the bills for January 2021 in the amount of \$13,667.82. Each board member approved.

### IV. New/Unfinished Business

The Annual survey begins February 1. Adjustments to the report for COVID have been added so it will be a bit different this year. Beth will start working on it soon. It is due in April.

The Library will be reopening on Monday February 1. Curbside pickup will continue for those who want it.

The city's Public Works Department has done some work around library while the library has been closed.

Remote printing has not been working. It is scheduled to be ready for use February 10 with SCP.

The library now has a ping pong table and an air hockey table. They will be made available for specific teen programming once COVID becomes less of a concern.

Two new people have joined the library staff as 13 hour library aides: Monica Somppi and Gerald Aulandez.

The Board was wondering if Beth should be having a review by the Board. She recently had a review with the City. Beth will check the bylaws.

Beth is working on getting income tax assistance through Lakes and Pines CAC for this tax season. It would be done remotely this year via Zoom.

The library display cases were discussed. Steve had an idea for a display based on an article he wrote about a local baseball player. The board expressed approval. Beth hopes to have a committee made up of Fond du Lac artists and a local art group discuss how best to move forward with a plan for the displays. At the present time due to Covid, patrons are encouraged to limit their time in the library.

## Librarian's Report

The staff has been busy. About 60 requests for books are put together every day. Most people are good about picking up what they have requested.

Hot spots are being used, most often right now by the same six or so people.

### VI: Events

1,000 books before kindergarten—82 children

Winter Reading Program—65 children, 21 adults

Keiko did a virtual library program with a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade distance learning teacher

Mandela Rocks Adult Make and Take

FanCon will be virtual—Make and Take—Mad Hatter Succulent Teacups/buttons etc

The make and take offerings are very popular. The children and adult reading programs are done virtually online using the Beanstacks platform.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

approved:

Kathy Blais, Secretary