

## Cloquet Library Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday April 27, 2021

Members Present via Google Meet: Casey Brissett, Gerard Sordelet

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

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Marla Ahlgren.

II. Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Steve Korby and seconded by Kathy Blais to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved.

### III. New/Unfinished Business

- Senior use of library discussion—Phyllis Markley

Phyllis Markley, representing the Cloquet Senior Center, presented a request for the use of library space. Senior Center space issues were discussed. City Council liaison, Chris Swanson will follow up with City Administrator, Tim Peterson, regarding possible solutions for Senior Center activities.

- Discussion of library video changes

The consensus of the board was that the library video could use a little more work. Beth will work with Larry to make some changes, perhaps adding some text, still pictures, and music.

- Review of Policy Review calendar

Many library policies will be reviewed in the next several months. Beth displayed the calendar listing which policies will be reviewed at each meeting. Beth will send out the policies to be reviewed prior to each meeting, and requested that each board member review them ahead of time. Casey made a motion to amend the policy so they are all reviewed by December of 2021, and thereafter would be reviewed on an annual basis. Mary seconded the motion, and it was approved.

IV. Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Steve Korby to approve the bills for April 2021 in the amount of \$9,850.23. Each board member approved.

### V. Librarian's Report

More rooms are being used at the library, more teens are coming in, and there is a new baseball display provided by Steve Korby,

Beth reported that Keiko, the Children's Librarian, had applied for and received a grant of \$750.

The grant is from ***Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture***, which is a literacy program that reaches out to Asian American, Pacific Islander, and American Indian children and their families. The program celebrates and explores stories through books, oral traditions, and art to provide an interactive and enriching experience. For the Cloquet Library grant, Story Strolls will be offered on a trail at the Cloquet Forestry Center in August or September, 2021, with a couple of stories written by Native authors being highlighted. Thomas and Betsy Peacock have also agreed to provide on-site story-telling during the event.

A motion was made by Steve Korby to acknowledge and congratulate Keiko for her efforts in pursuing and receiving this grant. There were many seconds, and the motion was approved.

VI: Events

Adult Take and Make—May tissue flowers

Children's Take and Make—Bee Theme

Summer Reading Program begins May 24 and ends August 6

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

approved:

Kathy Blais, Secretary