

MINUTES

EAST BONNER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SANDPOINT, IDAHO
Monday, September 13, 2021

WELCOME/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Amy Flint at 4:35 pm and was held in Community Room A of the Sandpoint Branch Library at 1407 Cedar Street in Sandpoint, Idaho. Other trustees present were Jeanine Asche, Susan Shea, Judy Meyers & Joan Terrell.

Also present were Director Ann Nichols and staff member Mary-Claude Margairaz.

Members of the public present: Jordan Adams, Nicole Cummins, Ryan Carruth, Faith Brenneman & Kathy Barlow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Jordan Adams presented a proposal to improve the outside of the Clark Fork Library. She stated that she has a list of volunteers and free materials to implement the plan. Ann Nichols responded that the plan has to go through the Facility Committee. Judy Meyers asked to receive the plan via email and offered to present it at the September 22, 2021 Facility Meeting. It will then be presented to the Board of Trustees in October.

Nicole Cummins stated that she would like to see a better book collection for children. She is looking for richer vocabulary, higher level of literacy, good character development and a classical collection. She offered a list of books that are on the homeschool list.

Ryan Carruth expressed his view on mask mandate and warned the Board that the Library will have a high degree of protest if the mask mandate is imposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – regular meeting & public hearing
- COMMUNICATIONS
- REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Jeanine Asche moved to accept the consent agenda but moved the Clark Fork Garden business item to first order of business to accommodate public comments from Jordan Adams. Jeanine Asche also approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday 08-09-2021 and the Public Hearing on 08-25-2021, the communications and the

reports of the committees and delegates of today's meeting. *The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Joan Terrell commented on the items that have been ordered but will not make it on this year's budget. Ann Nichols stated that it would not affect the 2022 Budget in a negative way.

Jeanine Asche presented a motion to accept the Report of the Library Director as submitted. *The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

Mary-Claude Margairaz stated she has a meeting with Paychex tomorrow and is hoping to have the new time card system working by the end of the month.

Joan Terrell questioned the amount paid to Exbabylon. She would like the Library to hire someone in-house and asked the Director to start looking.

Joan Terrell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report of Income and Expenditures and to pay the expenditures. *The motion passed unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. STATEMENT OF CONCERN

Amy Flint commented that she has difficulty with the situation. The CD represents a legitimate religion and the music is Beethoven & Wagner. She stated that the Library is not here to censor and each person needs to be responsible for his or her choices. Ann Nichols will respond to the patron.

2. AUDITORS HAYDEN & ROSS

Mary-Claude Margairaz reported contacting three references given by Hayden & Ross.

1. Lynn Dever from Benewah County Free Library – loves them, uses them for her husband's company and their personal taxes. Audit starts in November, have it back in February. They help her with year-end entries.
2. Melissa Eichner from Latah County Library – loves them, they are good at answering questions. They do her depreciation calculations. Downfall, audit sometimes drags on.
3. Micheal Rosedale from Bonner County – gives them a 5 on 5, finds them excellent

The Trustees support the change.

3. DISCUSSION ON DISPLAYS

Ann Nichols clarified that this is about the books displayed throughout the Library. The staff is in charge of it. Some patrons are concerned with what children see.

Jeanine Asche stated that the displays come from a list of positive reviews like the School Library Journal, Kirkus, Cricket and Hornbook.

Amy Flint voiced that it may not be a criteria for individuals but more for the public at large.

4. UPDATED OFFICERS & COMMITTEES LIST

The Trustees acknowledged the updated lists.

5. SURPLUS PROPERTY

Jeanine Asche moved to accept the surplus of the Acura disc verifier as listed.
The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

6. CLARK FORK GARDEN

This item was discussed within the Public Comments and Acknowledgments.

7. CLARK FORK CLOSING / COVERAGE

Ann Nichols explained that the Clark Fork branch has scheduling issues when one of the two employees calls in sick. The suggestion to fix the problem if the Sandpoint branch does not have an employee to spare is to close the Clark Fork branch for half an hour so the employee can take a lunch break.

The Trustees approved the solution.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Shea moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be:

- Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, 4:30 pm, Tuesday October 12, in the Community Meeting Room B, Sandpoint Branch Library, 1407 Cedar Street, Sandpoint, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Claude Margairaz
Bookkeeper

Date Approved 10-12-21



Ann M. Nichols, Director



Amy Flint, Board Chairperson