WELCOME/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Amy Flint at 4:30 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 Viktor Sjoberg and staff member Mary-Claude Margairaz.

Members of the public present: Tony Matson, Bailee Schneider & Chris Roberts from Hayden Ross PLLC. Other members from the public present were: Kirsten LeBlanc, Faith Brenneman, Kathryn Barlow, David Britton, Nancy Britton, Bev Newsham, Lynn Pietz, Diane Brockway, Susan Drumheller, Lou MacAfee, Patty Ericsson, Maggie Melde, Collin Day, Krista Eberle, Julie Perchunski, Robin Campbell, George Rickert, Chris Munro, Karen Gedde, Evan Bennett, Karen Bennett, Emma Stanford, Carol Ballard, Ruth Wimberly & David Strout.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Due to the volume of public comments, only brief summaries of public comments are included below.

*Kirsten LeBlanc* – would like a separate area for sexually explicit materials. She read from “Dead End” by Jason Myers to illustrate her position.

**Disclaimer by EBCL: Our District does not own this book or any other books by Jason Meyers.**

*Faith Brenneman* – quoted the Idaho Legislation regarding materials that are harmful to minors.

*Susan Drumheller* – ask the library not to restrict materials. Library is the safest place to explore. Restricting access would be a way of shaming patrons. Referenced two books – "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doerr & "Maus" by Art Spiegelman. Don’t repeat history.

*Patty Ericsson* – the library is important, pay attention to what the children are checking out. The library is not a place for restriction.

*Kathryn Barlow* – she doesn’t approve of the new non-fiction book display, feels that book selection is biased, promoting transgender agenda and racism. Feels she is getting lip service from the administration.
Karen Gedde – she is a teacher and feels that children need to be protected from exposure to sexually explicit materials. We are allowing perpetuation of abuse by exposing youth to pornography.

Collin Day – it is not the library’s place to sensor or segregate. It is the parents’ responsibility to supervise, this is not the library’s job.

David Stout – EBCL is amongst the finest. Parents should monitor what their children read. No to creating a separate area. Everyone has their own interests and should be able to pick and choose. Parental concerns are not the library’s responsibility.

David Britton – This is a wonderful library. Is a Quaker and pacifist. He doesn’t think books should be separated or banned, it is a slippery slope. Kids can see anything they want on the internet.

Evan Bennett – Felt that it was embarrassing to sit and listen to the comments being made and stated that it takes a village to raise a child.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Jeanine Asche moved to accept the consent agenda, which includes the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, January 9, 2023, 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

Trustees like the new quiet signs, the employee spotlight and that the garden is moving forward.

Joan asked about the leak in Viktor’s office. Amy commented that this is what happens with flat roofs in North Idaho. Viktor stated that ICRMP is covering the cost of repairs.

Amy thinks Youth Services Coordinator Suzanne is a powerhouse. Judy gave Frank kudos for promoting the Barton System and having tutors use it. Amy noted that Brenden has a lot going on. Viktor said that the trailer is coming out of hibernation soon.

Joan inquired about Cricut and what it is used for. Viktor answered that it is a cutting tool for makers that can be used to produce stickers, iron ons and art.

Joan Terrell 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
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Susan Shea made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report of Income and Expenditures and to pay the expenditures. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tony Matson from Hayden Ross PLLC – FY2022 audit & special project presentation

Tony stated that his firm audited the financial statements and that no recommendations were made for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2022. The library is in good financial standing and has 22 months of reserves.

Hayden Ross also completed a project going back from the end of 2001 to 2022, to separate unspent property tax revenues from non-property tax revenues. The point of this exercise was to identify the amount of reserves that could be potentially be used for new construction. That amount is $2,277,468.

Amy Flint moved to accept the FY2022 audit as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

2. Fatbeam Agreement – 3 years contract

Viktor explained that the library is renewing its application for the E-Rate program. The internet contract was posted for bids and was awarded to Fatbeam, the current provider.

Two separate contracts are being submitted. The first one is for the internet access in the Sandpoint branch, for patrons and staff. The second one is the fiber connection between the Sandpoint and Clark Fork branches. Both contracts include upgrading the connection speed from 1 Gigabit to 2 Gigabit.

Susan Shea made a motion to accept the three years contract with Fatbeam. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206 (1b): “To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.”

The Trustees voted individually and entered into executive session at 5:39 pm.
Voice votes results:

Jeanine Asche  yes
Amy Flint  yes
Judy Meyers  yes
Susan Shea  yes
Joan Terrell  yes

The Trustees returned from executive session at 6:13 pm.

Action taken after return to open meeting: none.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Shea moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be:

- Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, 4:30 pm, Monday, March 13, 2023 in Community Meeting Room A, Sandpoint Branch Library, 1407 Cedar Street, Sandpoint, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Claude Margairaz
Bookkeeper

Date Approved 03/13/2023

Viktor Sjoberg, Director

Amy Flint, Board Chairperson