

## MINUTES

### EAST BONNER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SANDPOINT, IDAHO Monday, April 10, 2023

#### 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 Susan Shea & Joan Terrell. Jeanine Asche appeared via Zoom. Judy Meyers was absent.

Also present were Director Viktor Sjoberg and staff members Mary-Claude Margairaz & Brendan Mooney.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Patty Ericsson – decided to get involved when she realized there is a movement trying to change protocols. She is supportive of the library staff and trusting in what they believe belongs in the library.

Denise Griffith – thinks we have an amazing library, thanks to all the staff and Governor Little for his latest decision. Libraries are a critical resource for lifelong learners. Parents are partners in choosing materials and deciding what their children are exposed to.

Janet Pultorak – former teacher. She remembers how “Goosebumps” got kids ready to read and pointed out that it is important to have a wide variety of materials available. Her parents allowed her to pick what she wanted to read. It should be left up to the parents & families to decide.

Maggie Mjelde – grew up in Montana where her library was an old boxcar turned into a library. She appreciates the staff, the library, and how the budget has been handled. Believes in equal access to all and a safe place to all.

David Britton – he agrees with the previous speaker and is in support of the library, its significance and its values. The library has been threatened and he wants to show his support in defending it.

Jane Purdey – she seconds everybody in appreciation of the library. Alarmed by the downward spiral the country is in. When did morality and purity become bad words in our society? The future of our children is on your shoulders and it shouldn't be up to legislators.

Kathryn Barlow - the library is wonderful. Has questions regarding the collection development policies. Who makes the decisions on what to procure, is there a list? What percentage of the purchases are from best-selling list vs. community involvement participation?

Viktor responded that staff will offer a brief presentation that will detail our selection process at the next board meeting.

Hal Gates – aerospace engineer and pilot, grew up in Jacksonville. Never was in danger as he was protected by his parents. The success in his life is directly linked to the fact that he wasn't restricted in exposure. Trust experts, how is the next generation going to solve problems if we restrict their access to information?

Kirsten LeBlanc – appreciates the library but why is it holding a book for 7 years old on masturbation? Questioned the argument that a restricted section would create barriers and states that the library card is also a barrier. She offered a compromise with a separate section, defining the perimeters. The library is not meeting in the middle or compromising.

Dan Haley – it is not the role of the government to monitor children. Has a suggestion for the library: providing parents a list of the books checked out by their children.

Pam Duquette - why are people showing up at the board meetings? The library is being threatened and that is why she is here.

Rick Cramer – Legislators are spokesperson for their community. Believes that what Kirsten is offering is rational. Why is it so important that little kids have access to porn?

Chairperson Amy Flint responded and clarified that there is no porn in the library. It would be illegal for the library to carry pornography and the library follows the law.

Collin Day – what is considered porn, Michelangelo? Where is the line? This is a slippery slope.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – regular meeting on 03/13/2013
- COMMUNICATIONS
- REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES
  - o Friends of the Library

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

***Susan Shea moved to accept the consent agenda, which includes the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, March 13, 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

Viktor introduced Brendan Mooney, the new IT Manager. Brendan started 2 weeks ago and will move the library out of outsourcing IT.

Amy is impressed with the shock full of exciting things happening at the library.

Susan is excited with the plan for the garden in the future. Joan sees many collaborations for the garden.

Joan would like Frank to include the number of lifelong learners in his report. Viktor stated that it will be included in the future.

Joan sees that the homebound program is growing. Viktor announced that the library will be adding another bookmobile stop for Dover in May.

Jeanine is amazed by all that is being done and highly recommends that the public go on the library website to read the monthly reports.

Joan is sad to see Erin leave but would like to wish her the best.

***Susan Shea 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 reported that the second payment was made for the new bookmobile. Jeanine asked if the old bookmobile will be sold. Viktor answered that the library is looking at selling it.

## APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

***Joan Terrell 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 - none

## ADJOURNMENT

***Susan Shea moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm.***

The next scheduled meeting will be:

- Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, 4:30 pm, Monday, May 8, 2023, Community Meeting Room A, Sandpoint Branch Library, 1407 Cedar Street, Sandpoint, Idaho.


Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Claude Margairaz  
Bookkeeper

Date Approved

5-8-23

  
Viktor Sjoberg, Director

  
Amy Flint, Board Chairperson