

MINUTES

EAST BONNER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

SANDPOINT, IDAHO

Monday, March 13, 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 & B of the Sandpoint Branch Library at 1407 Cedar Street in Sandpoint, Idaho. Other trustees present were Jeanine Asche, Susan Shea & Joan Terrell. Judy Meyers was absent.

Also present were Director Viktor Sjoberg and staff members Mary-Claude Margairaz, Frank Foderaro and Suzanne Davis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Hul Gates – really appreciative of the library.

Lou MacAfee – the library does not own the book mentioned in public comment at the previous board meeting. Against censorship and banning books; feels that this library carefully monitors the book purchases.

Kathryn Barlow – upset about the policy meeting held on January 11th and feels the library is siding with the American Library Association. Would have liked the policy to be put out to the community before it was approved. Asking for a separate section for 18 years old and under.

Faith Brenneman – showed and read from “Sex is a Funny Word” by Cory Silverberg, a book held by the library for children 7 to 11 years old. Believes children need protection from seeing this book.

Krista Eberle – compliments to staff and board, supports the professionalism of both.

Patty Ericsson – who would be in charge of deciding which books would be placed in a restricted area? Parents are in charge and adults shouldn't have to go through a gated area to check out materials.

Kathy Larson – having a separated area is not practical. Parents can screen what their children are checking out. Books can open discussions.

Kirsten LeBlanc – apologized for quoting a book not owned by this library. She is not about banning books but is asking for a restricted area, just as the teen lounge is restricted.

CONSENT AGENDA

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – regular meeting on 02/13/2023
- COMMUNICATIONS
- REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES
 - o FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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, February 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

Jeanine stated there is so much good stuff in the director's report; everyone should go online to read it.

Joan asked about the parents' guide. Viktor said it is a commentary on conversations the library is having with the community. It is an informational document that provides additional context for our Collection Development Policy.

Joan remarked on the fact that an artist has been selected to create artwork for the bookmobile. Viktor is hopeful the bookmobile will be delivered in September 2023. Amy said the art will wrap on the bookmobile. The artist has been chosen and her name is Katya Greimes. Susan asked who is selecting the final artwork. Viktor answered that there is a committee made of staff, and that the artwork has been shared with all staff for feedback.

Joan commented on the volunteer hours, lots of hours with half the volunteers.

Amy asked what the return on the postcard mailed survey was. Viktor said 770 were answered out of 13,400.

Amy asked a question on behalf of Judy Meyers who is wondering if there is an assessment for homeschoolers. Staff member Frank talked about testing and assessments.

Amy thinks that the fidget kits are a great idea.

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 said the library received the ICRMP reimbursement check for water leak in Viktor's office. Some of the general expenses are higher than the previous year. Ground maintenance is high due to the snow level this winter. Staff training is also back on; employees are attending classes. The library is almost half-way through its fiscal year.

Susan Shae 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

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 5:13 pm.

Voice votes results:

Jeanine Asche	aye
Amy Flint	aye
Susan Shea	aye
Joan Terrell	aye

The Trustees returned from executive session at 5:56 pm.

Action taken after return to open meeting: none

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Shea moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be:


- Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, 4:30 pm, Monday, April 10, 2023, Community Meeting Room A, Sandpoint Branch Library, 1407 Cedar Street, Sandpoint, Idaho.

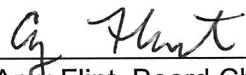
Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Claude Margairaz
Bookkeeper

Date Approved

4-10-23


Viktor Sjöberg, Director


Amy Flint, Board Chairperson