

CARVER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting
Mayer City Hall Council Chambers
July 9, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Board President Matt Udermann called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was met.

Board Members Present: Barbara Colhapp, Frank Foss, Gwen Kuhrt, Donna Stacken, Matt Udermann

Absent:

Library Staff Present: Heidi Hoks (Library Director) ; Patrick Jones (CN/VC Branch Manager) ; Paul Ericsson (NYA, WT, WC Branch Manager) ; Jodi Edstrom (CH Branch Manager) ; Cari Campbell (NYA, WT, WC Operations Manager)

County Staff & Officials: Gayle Degler (Commissioner)

Other: Jim Weigand

Approval of Agenda:

- *Gwen Kuhrt / Frank Foss* moved to approve the agenda of the July 9, 2019 Library Board meeting. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting:

- *Barbara Colhapp / Gwen Kuhrt* moved to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Library Board meeting as presented. Passed unanimously.

Public Comment / Introduction of Visitors:

- None

Action Items:

- Pilot Project: Lapsit in Victoria – hours request. Patrick Jones explained project to open Victoria before hours to allow for lapsit storytime. Jones, Hoks, and Ericsson all discussed importance of lapsit storytimes in brain development and developing library visit practices. *Gwen Kuhrt / Frank Foss* moved to approve open hours for this project. Passed unanimously.

Unfinished and New Business:

- Express Library Evaluation: Following a tour of the Mayer express library, Cari Campbell presented report on evaluation of express libraries, including history of express libraries and statistics on use. Campbell, Jones, and Ericsson answered questions from Library Board about use, and promotion, of express libraries. Board Member Foss expressed concern about ownership vs. leasing of lockers.
- Discussion items
 - Library Director Hoks outlined possible collaborations with Carver County Historical Society. Library Board members expressed support for continued collaboration.
 - Board Member Foss discussed role of libraries in combatting misinformation. Staff members Edstrom, Ericsson and Jones provided examples of collections (databases)

and programs, such as Senior Surf Days and TCMA classes, which dealt with this issue. Board President Udermann mentioned TRIAD collaboration to combat misinformation aimed at older adults.

- Board President Udermann discussed conversations he has had, and has scheduled, to discuss 24/7 libraries, including rewards and risks of offering such a service. He also discussed costs of projects and need for collaboration with other entities, such as law enforcement and social services. Board Member Kuhrt asked for Board President Udermann to prepare a white paper document presenting business case of 24/7 libraries for Board to review. Board President Udermann agreed to do so.

Administrative Reports – Library Director’s Report:

- The Library Director’s report and budget report were submitted in Board Packet and reviewed at the meeting. Library Director Hoks discussed retirement of staff member Tari Clay. She distributed document highlighting use of Carver County Library by Hennepin County residents, as well as growth of number of Carver County residents getting library cards.

No Team Updates

Trustee and Commissioner Reports:

- Branch Reports were submitted in the Board Packet and highlights provided by Branch Managers.

Media Packet:

- The Media Packet with copies of press materials was submitted in the Board Packet.

Adjournment:

- *Barbara Colhapp / Frank Foss* moved to adjourn meeting at 6:08 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: August 13, 2019 at the Victoria Fire Hall (1500 80th St, Victoria, MN 55386).

Respectfully submitted by Patrick Jones for the Library Board Secretary