

Maltman Memorial Library Board

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2021

President Myriah Leisher called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Open Meetings Act acknowledged.

Board member roll call taken with Abby Rennau, Anna Fehringer and Myriah Leisher in attendance. Matt Troyer-Miller and Library Assistant Ana Sanchez were also present. Mary Harders arrived at 5:45 pm

Since the meeting focused on updating the Board members on the status of the library, minutes from the prior meeting and other regular reports were not reviewed.

Reports:

-Mary applied for the Kreutz Bennett Donor Advised Fund grant last week, and heard back the library will know next week (10/11 week) if our grant request will be considered for the second round of review.

-Myriah stated the library could apply for an Emergency Connectivity Fund grant that is part of ARPA. These funds are restricted to advancing technology and internet access for libraries. This grant due date closed once, but due to few applicants, it was reopened from 9/28/21-10/13/21. Mary and Myriah will research this more.

-Also, the library director position has not been posted yet on the Central Plains Library System website. Myriah will contact Denise Harders again. We have not had applicants from other ads.

-Anna visited with a potential applicant for the assistant librarian position. This person quit college, is a Wood River graduate. Anna told her she needs to fill out an application. If hired this person would help keep the library open full time and would help with programs. No change to official posted hours until another person hired and Ana and the new person discuss work schedules.

-Anna said the afterschool program today was a success. She had an activity for the children, read a book to them and they got to play outside. Anna posted pictures to Facebook of the activity.

-Anna and Matt will put together a survey on Facebook asking community members for what hours they would like to see the library open. This will help with scheduling volunteers to work also. Anna got the survey posted to the website during the meeting. Anna stated she will need a volunteer to do the 10/19 after school program as she has parent -teacher conferences.

-Myriah is drafting an email asking for volunteers to work at the library until we get someone hired. Mary to forward it to the recipients.

-Myriah will also get more copies of the new keys and have them available at the city office.

-Ana S. asked if she could have her small child in the library for an hour or so while she worked. The Board members told Ana they had no problem with the request.

-Mary agreed to attend the 10/5/21 city council meeting to give an update on the library's status.

Next meeting: 5:30 pm October 12th at the library. Anna will post the meeting notices.

Adjournment: Mary moved, Anna seconded to adjourn at 7:05 pm. 4/0.