

Maltman Memorial Library Board

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022

Matt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Open Meetings Act acknowledged.

Roll Call: Mary Harders, Anna Fehringer, Matt Troyer-Miller, Nate Canfield and Director Veronica Kaufman were present.

Minute Approval: Anna moved and Matt seconded approval of the August 9, 2022 minutes. Approved 4/0.

Financial Report: Discussion included:

1) Book purchases approximate \$11,000 for fiscal year ending September 30 and were funded by a \$4,000 grant, the \$6,500 book budget and \$500 from the salary budget.

2) Since the library only used about \$500 from the salary budget for books instead of \$7,000 as originally approved on February 17, 2022, Mary asked to address the difference. Anna moved and Mary seconded the Board amend the February 17, 2022 motion to state the library/Director Kaufman has authorization to use up to \$500 of projected excess salary funds for purchasing books. Approved 4/0.

3) The library used \$4,000 of salary budgeted funds for the Apollo software conversion.

4) Veronica asked the Board to approve using \$1,500 of budgeted salary funds towards supplies. Nate moved and Anna seconded to use \$1,500 of excess budgeted salary funds to purchase a new printer (the library's printer no longer works), a video camera (to post book readings/activities online) and a telescope (available for checkout & promoted by the Omaha Astronomical Society). Approved 4/0.

Audience Participation: None

Library Directors Report

August Patrons: The number of people coming in the door declined since school started. About 6-12 people visit per day. No Pinterest activity held in August.

Old Business:

Prime Time Reading: Only one family signed up so far and a minimum of 6 families must sign up to offer the program. Veronica posted a survey asking when prime time would best work for families.

Job Opening: No new applications. Veronica will follow up on suggestions.

New Business:

New Board member discussion: Tabled until next meeting to give members time to review all applications.

Ana Sanchez Review: Mary moved and Anna seconded approving Ana's annual evaluation. 4/0 approval.

2022-2023 Budget: Veronica says next year's budget is workable.

Security cameras: After discussing Matt's initial camera proposal, members agreed to review more options.

Telescope: The Library Telescope Program encourages interest in astronomy by placing telescopes in libraries where they can be checked out by the general population. Total telescope cost is about \$350-\$400. Anna moved and Nate seconded to authorize using up to \$400 for purchasing a telescope. Approved 4/0.

Other:

Banned Books: Will be shelving "banned books" in one location (Banned Books Week is in September). Each book will have the reason for their proposed banning attached.

Halloween: The city is proposing city-wide trick or treating on Saturday, October 29th. The fire station will have their hamburger feed that day and Veronica would like to have the library open. She suggested offering treats and a haunted house atmosphere to encourage families to stop by.

Winter Hours: Per an informal survey of patrons, most responded they preferred 10 am to 6 pm for library hours. Mary moved and Anna seconded library hours be 10 am to 6 pm Monday thru Friday starting October 1st. The library will continue to be open two or three Saturdays per month from 9 am to noon. Approved 4/0.

Adjournment:

Nate moved, Anna seconded to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Approved 4/0.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the library. Meetings will now be on Wednesdays.