

Maltman Memorial Library Board

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

Myriah called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Open Meetings Act acknowledged.

Board member roll call taken with Mary Harders, Anna Fehringer and Myriah Leisher in attendance and representing a quorum. Matt Troyer-Miller also attended.

Approval of prior meeting minutes: Anna moved, Mary seconded, 3/0 approval of the September 28, 2021 and October 5, 2021 minutes.

Expense Approval: Mary moved, Anna seconded and 3/0 approval of the following purchases for the afterschool program:

Misc. supplies \$31.94 Playdoh \$23.88

Emergency board member appointment:

Myriah moved to appoint Matt Troyer-Miller to the library board. Mary seconded. 3/0 approval. Earlier Matt submitted a written request with the city council to serve as a member. Since Mavis Reiter resigned, the Board may select another community member to fill the vacancy. The city council is expected to approve the appointment at their October 19th meeting. Myriah will attend the council meeting for the library board.

Update on Library operational status:

-Anna reported the afterschool program (AFS) went well today. Anna organized the craft activity and read the children a book. High school students helped AFS personnel supervise the 50+ attendees.

-No applications received for the open library positions. Myriah will post the library director opening on indeed.com. Myriah will follow up with other person who expressed interest.

-No teens attended the Teen Advisory board scheduled for Oct 11.

-Movie night schedule for Oct 18. Myriah suggested cancelling as we don't have a movie available to show in accordance with copyright laws.

-On Oct. 29th Anna volunteered to plan a Mini Halloween party/kids day event due to no school.

-Anna presented initial responses to the Library Facebook survey. 37 responses showed:

Library open hours preferred: 3-6pm 83%, 6-8pm 51%, 9am- noon, 40%, Noon-3pm 37%

Preferred days open: Thurs 83%, Wed 76%, Sat 70%, Fri 67%, Tues 70%, Mon 59%

Survey comments also provided good feedback on types of reading material and desired programming. More people are expected to complete the survey and we will get a paper copy of survey available also.

-Volunteers helping open library for a few unadvertised hours. Preferred hours until more staff are hired is as follows: Mon. 10-Noon, (volunteers) 5-7pm (Ana), Tues. 3-6pm (volunteer), Wed. 5-7pm (Ana), Thur. 3-7 (volunteer). Will consider 10-Noon either Wed. or Thur. mornings.

Next meeting: 5:30 pm October 26th at the library. Anna will post the meeting notice.

Adjournment: Myriah moved, Mary seconded to adjourn at 7:00 pm. 3/0.