

**Maltman Memorial Library Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Nov 1, 2023**

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Open Meetings Act acknowledged.

**Roll Call:** Nate Canfield, Anna Fehringer, Veronica Kaufman, Matt Troyer-Miller, and Sarah Haahr present. Tracy Jakubowski absent.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Public Hearing:** Nate moved, and Sarah seconded to move to a public hearing. Approved 4/0. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss the installation of DNS filtering on all public computers at the library. This filtering follows CIPA, the Child Internet Protection Act which addresses concerns about children's access to obscene or harmful content over the internet. There was no public present to present any concerns. Sarah motioned to exit the public hearing; Nate seconded. Approved 4/0: Nate, yes; Matt, yes; Sarah, yes; Anna, yes.

**DNS Filter Installation:** Nate moved; Sarah seconded to approve the installation of the filter. Approved 4/0: Nate, yes; Matt, yes; Sarah, yes; Anna, yes.

**Minute Approval:** Anna moved and Nate seconded approval of the September 2023 minutes. Approved 4/0: Nate, yes; Matt, yes; Sarah, yes; Anna, yes.

**Financial Report:**

- September - Veronica spent minimally to avoid things being charged in October, the beginning of the fiscal year. We went over budget for the year, but with grants we came in under budget.
- Nate moved to approve the financial report, Sarah seconded. Approved 4/0: Nate, yes; Matt, yes; Sarah, yes; Anna, yes.

**Library Director's Report**

- Veronica attended the district biennial conference in Kearney on Oct 19. She attended sessions where she learned about some of the requirements the library is expected to abide by according to state statutes. A few adjustments have been made in response.
- The library has been re-certified until 2028 at the silver level. Our Community Needs Response Plan is posted on the NLC website as an example for other libraries to follow.
- Spooky Library event was held last night, Oct 31 - about 90 kids attended.
- Veronica is starting a Lego club for 3rd-5th grade students. It will start Tuesday, Nov 7, from 3:45-4:45. It has been advertised in the school newsletter and on Facebook.
- Through NLC, Youth Grant for Excellence, Veronica is working on a grant to make take-home stem kits that can be checked out - this requires a 25% cash match. We will be looking for donors. This is an idea in response to the community response survey.
- On November 17, the library is participating in the Wood River Express. Families will stop at the library to make a Christmas craft.
- On Dec 16, the library will hold a Christmas event with Santa and reindeer. The reindeer are sponsored by Heritage Bank and Insurance. The Friends of the Library are possibly looking at holding a fundraiser during this.

**Old Business:**

- Community survey update - 18 responses so far. Would like more, but it has been enough to generate ideas and new programming possibilities. The community is still encouraged to complete the survey.
- Friends of the library - they discussed some fundraising ideas.

**New Business:**

- Cherie Smith annual review - Veronica did the annual review on long-term temporary employee, Cherie Smith. She is performing well.
- Computers need repaired and/or replaced. We did not receive the RobSee Grant. The larger desktop public computer has stopped working, as well as the computer that Ana uses. There is another grant that Veronica can apply for, but it is a 25% match as well. Veronica will apply, she needs to know the cost, Nate will look into it.
- RDBG - Rural Development Business Grant - this would help fund technology for the new library, specifically the meeting room and makerspace. Veronica would like the board's help working on this.
- UNK is having a used item auction - Veronica is keeping an eye on a few things - hoping to get them at a good price.

**Adjournment:** Nate moved and Sarah seconded to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

Approved 4/0: Nate, yes; Matt, yes; Sarah, yes; Anna, yes.

**Next Meeting:** Dec 6, 2023 @ 6:00

*These minutes are pending approval at the next board meeting.*