

MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE GARNER LIBRARY BOARD
Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Present: Jaci Hayes, Lori Griesert, Mike Meyering, Dave Stromer, Ashley Young (joined at 5:55) and Ellen Petty

Call to Order

President Jaci Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Mike Meyering made a motion to approve the agenda with two additions noted by Ellen, and Dave Stromer seconded it. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Dave Stromer made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mike Meyering seconded it. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report

Summer Recap

- The program went well and had good participation.
- Prizes and gift cards were provided by The Friends of the Library.

IAShares Second Delivery Date Added

- ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds were used to add a second delivery date.
- Deliveries are now made on Tuesdays and Thursdays here.

ARPA Grant Received

- The \$5,000 grant as part of the American Rescue Plan Act will be used to purchase two Owls (speakers with a 360 degree camera that are ideal for meetings as they can show all in attendance and focus on those speaking—high-quality and user-friendly) as well as two large-screen TV's.
- The library will buy these items and then be reimbursed.

Quilt and Duesenberg Collections

- Between 300-400 quilt books from Betty Lou Tompkins were donated to the library. Those books are now being catalogued.
- A car collection from H. Duesenberg was also received. Staff members are working to display these.

Building Updates

- Chairs: One is being replaced and a second repaired; both are covered under warranty.
- Electrical: Albert Lea Electrical fixed the thermostat problems and replaced a floodlight.
- Doors: The west door has the issue of being able to be pulled open.
- HVAC: An awful screeching sound occurs when the system kicks on. A technician from Larsen Plumbing and Heating suggested leaving the fan run, which does eliminate the sound but is not a long-term solution. Ellen will contact them again.

Bills Allowed

Mike Meyering made a motion to pay the bills as printed. Dave Stromer seconded it. Motion carried.

Citizen's Opportunity to Address the Board

None

Unfinished Business

Digitization Project – Done!

Landscaping – Island Update

- The Friends continue to discuss which kinetic wind sculpture by artist Lyman Whitaker to purchase for this space.

New Business

Discussion: Current Pandemic Situation Update

- Patrons are asked to wear masks (sign posted), but staff do not make an issue of it.
- In-person programming will remain on hold for now.

New Board Member: Joe Pieper

- We're excited to welcome Joe to the board.

Annual Report FY 21 Review

- Ellen walked us through this report.
- Most information in the report is geared to what the federal government wants.
- Programs are identified differently because of the pandemic (not just in-person).

Database Offerings – State Library

- The contract for these offerings expired on July 1.
- The state library has again formed a consortium to offer Brainfuse, which has decreased the price the library was paying as part of a smaller consortium. HelpNow and JobNow are popular resources through that.

New Website

- All in attendance had positive comments about the look and user-friendliness of the new site.
- Ellen is working on some history and policies that will still be added.
- The plan is to go live with the site in 1-2 weeks.

Election of Officers

- Dave Stromer made a motion to accept the following slate of officers with the secretary subject to change (if Deb does not accept the position): Jaci Hayes, president; Mike Meyering, vice president; and Deb Hill, secretary. Ashley Young seconded it. Motion carried.

Report of Trustees

None

Report of Committees

None

Discussion

None

Adjournment

Mike Meyering made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ashley Young seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Jaci Hayes, President

Lori Griesert, Recording Secretary