

MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE GARNER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Present: Ellen Petty, Mike Meyering, Jaci Hayes, Debra Hill, Dave Stromer, Kris Hanson, Ashley Young, and Lori Griesert

Call to Order

President Jaci Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Kris Hanson made a motion to approve the agenda, and Ashley Young seconded it. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Deb Hill made a motion to approve the minutes with noted additions and correction. Mike Meyering seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report

County Meeting

- This will be held in Garner on Monday, October 12.
- The group has not met in person for some time. They do not plan to ask for additional funds this year.

Bold360 Chat Service

- This is not set up yet but will be done so soon; staff has the needed links.

LIHEAP Update

- No one from LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) will be in the library this year. They were here every Friday in the past.
- Hancock County residents are now being directed to the Winnebago County office in Forest City.

Bills Allowed

Mike Meyering made a motion to allow the bills. Kris Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Citizen's Opportunity to Address the Board

None

Unfinished Business

Digitization Project – Update: HRDP State Grant

- The library has received the first half of the grant; once finished, the rest will be received.
- Most papers/issues are available online now; the last of the Kanawha paper issues are being finished.

Landscaping – New Border Piece; Island

- Ellen has not heard from Dave yet, though he has stopped to look at the island.
- She will reach out to him again.

Other Updates

- Fifty-nine children have signed up for **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**, and new kids are being added regularly.

- Ellen shared a copy of *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come* by Nancy Carlson, the final book every child receives at age 5 as part of the program.

New Business

Discussion – Current Pandemic Situation and Phased Opening

- Things are going well at the library; most people are coming in with masks, and those who don't have one most always use ones being offered.
- The staff has discussed returning to normal hours since things are going well at the library, in the school, and in the county but will have two people working on Saturdays to be able to handle library and curbside demands.
- Not a lot of patrons are asking for drive-up pick-up, but those using the service do so regularly.
- The amount of supplies on hand is okay.
- The Community Room is being used a lot.
- Ellen will select a date for return to normal hours, and the public will be informed.
- Teresa is taking care of the backpacks (paid for by Friends of the Library).
- Teresa is considering options to bring back Toddle Time.

Additional Informational Items

- A copy of Krista Jolivette's book, *Learning Peace*, has been donated to the library. Ellen will have Krista sign the copy.
- Friends of the Library is looking to make a sculpture donation; ideas should be given to Ellen.
- Treats on the Street is scheduled for October 31. Bags left from summer programming will be used for this.

Report of Trustees

None

Report of Committees

None

Discussion

None

Adjournment

Dave Stromer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ashley Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lori Griesert, Recording Secretary