

SOMONAUK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:00P.M. by President Roberta Mickelson.

In attendance were Marilyn Abbott, Chris Gresk, Tom Harmon, Paula Moore, Gina Skofich, Cindy Westbrook, Library Director Julie Harte Fischer and attorney Nigel Smith.

No one attended who wished to speak at the Public Comment session.

The attorney defined the Paid Leave for All Worker's Act Policy and made suggestions regarding the necessary changes the library will need to draft a policy in compliance. Attorney Richard Burton and the library director will present a proposed draft at the March meeting of the board.

Harmon moved the minutes of the January 16,2024 meeting be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Correspondence included a thank you letter from St. John the Baptist Church women's society for the basket donated for a raffle, a thank you for the Christmas bonus from Harte Fischer and a letter from Beth Findley Smith, LaSalle County Board Member, expressing gratitude to the director and board members for their decision to reschedule a cancelled program. LaSalle County distributed taxation receipts of \$17,001.30 and \$492.41 in interest. High Maintenance asked for an opportunity to speak at the March meeting to describe the 'face lift' they envision for the existing landscape. Douglas C. & Lynn M. Roberts Family Foundation announced a \$2,000 unrestricted grant awarded to the library.

The treasurer gave the budget report and noted that bills have been paid. Noted was an increase of \$900 in the director's health insurance cost. Moore moved to accept the budget report and pay current bills. Motion carried.

The Director reported the following for the month:

- Circulation of 6361 items
- Enrollment of 21 new patrons
- Registration of one out of district patron - \$176
- Fines of \$14.80
- Donations of \$12.85
- Revenue from copies/faxes of \$340.75

The building's electrical panel will be reprogrammed as opposed to being replaced. Events and programs currently scheduled were reviewed.

Friends of the Library will meet February 15, 2024 at 4:00P.M.

Copies of the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act Report were distributed.

Board members have each been assigned an email address for correspondence with the library.

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for March 12, 2024 at 4:00P.M. A group dinner is scheduled for April 9,2024.

Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40P.M. Mickelson announced adjournment.

Paula Moore, Secretary

