

SOMONAUK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2024

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

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

No one attended the call for Public Comment.

Megan Johnston and an associate from the landscaping company, High Maintenance Garden Care, presented a proposal for the maintenance of the library's exterior ground featuring mulch, shrubbery and perennial flowers with an itemized maintenance schedule and contract.

After board discussion Skofich moved to accept their proposal. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February meeting stood as presented.

Correspondence from James R. Wood Elementary School was a thank you to Harte Fischer for the contribution to the One School, One Book collection of 'Humphrey' books.

The treasurer reported that bills had been paid and gave the budget report. Moore moved to approve the budget report and to pay current bills. Motion carried.

The Director reported the following for the month:

- Twenty-five new patrons enrolled.
- 5587 items circulated.
- Fines of \$61.99 for damaged materials.
- \$1.57 in donations.
- \$244.80 charged for copies/faxes.

Scheduled programs include a greeting card designer, an 'Elvis' biographer, a local floral designer, a magician and a presentation on Tesla. Passports for the annual Library Road Trip are available at all participating libraries from March 23-April 30.

Friends of the Library will meet April 25 at 4:00P.M.

The third meeting of the Decennial meeting has been scheduled.

The Director presented the proposed library policy regarding the Paid Leave for All Worker's Act. Gresk moved to accept the document. Roll call vote: Abbott-yes, Gresk-yes, Harmon – absent, Moore-yes, Skofich-yes, Westbrook-yes, Mickelson-yes.

The Director distributed individual email addresses for board members.

Mickelson suggested the library might provide local schools with glasses required for viewing the eclipse on April 8.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2024 at 4:00P.M. with a dinner at the Village Courtyard at 5:00P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40P.M.

Paula Moore, Secretary