

Black River Falls Public Library

Meeting of the Library Board

May 19, 2015

Members present: Jay Eddy, Tracy Gilbertson, Rhoda Gulso, Carol Olson, Chuck Nibbe, Shelly Severson, Nicole Schweitzer and Karen Thayer. Amanda Gunn was absent. Director Tammy Peasley was also in attendance.

President Jay Eddy called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Minutes of last month were approved on a motion by Chuck with second by Rhoda. Carried unanimously. Vouchers were examined and approved on a motion by Shelly with second by Carol. Carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Director Tammy Peasley went over her report. Averil Hanson's last day as a WISE employee was May 15. Kay Turner has been hired for daily cleaning of the restrooms. Eileen will be resigning in July. Sara Severn will be starting in June as a Library Assistant. There was discussion about digital access to our historical collection of local newspapers. Tammy met with staff at the State Historical Society's microfilm department who provided information about trends and initiatives in digitizing newspapers. They have experienced decreased demand for microfilm and now provide digitization to enable searchable access of historical documents. Tammy also met with a Reference Librarian at WAPL who has started an online collection of digitized local newspapers. At WAPL she also spoke with Stef Morell who is coordinating a collaborative historical newspaper pilot project for WiLS aimed at developing procedures for loading content into a centralized platform. WNA would host the historical newspapers alongside current editions in the same interface used for Badgerlink. Tammy also spoke with Dave Cooley about technical requirements and he offered to serve on a committee to pursue an action plan for transitioning to digital access.

A motion was made by Carol to change our storage plans from microfilm to digitalization. Seconded by Nicole. Carried unanimously. Tammy commented that we are still protecting the recorded history of Jackson County. She will meet with Ho-Chunk Nation representatives to explain the change in plans.

We reviewed the Historian Report submitted by Mary Woods and the Youth Services Report by Julie White. Both employees have been working on department projects. Mary reported that almost 3000 entries have been made to the Speltz negative project. The visit from author Jerry Apps was a great success. Julie is keeping up with her various youth programs. May was very busy with school visits. The Summer Reading Program is ready to go with six weeks of activities.

The soffit color samples are coming.

We reviewed two carpet estimates. We'll make a request to the County Board for funds to be used for the carpet. Carol and Rhoda will look at samples and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

It's election time for President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Library Board. A motion was made by Karen with a second by Rhoda to nominate Jay Eddy for President by a unanimous vote. Carried. A motion was made by Shelly with a second by Rhoda to elect Jay Eddy in a unanimous vote. Carried. A motion was made by Carol with a second by Rhoda to nominate Tracy Gilbertson for Secretary/Treasurer by a unanimous vote. Carried. A motion was made by Chuck with a second by Carol to elect Tracy in a unanimous vote. Carried.

A By-Law policy revision was viewed and discussed. Suggested changes were made by Karen. The board will vote on it next month.

At 5:10 a motion was made by Carol with a second by Nicole to go into closed session pursuant to Wi statute 19.85 (1) © to consider employment, promotion, compensation, personnel issues or performance evaluations. All voted yes in a roll call vote.

At 5:48 a motion was made to leave closed session by Tracy with a second by Nicole. Carried.

At 5:50 a motion was made by Shelly with a second by Carol to adjourn. Carried.

Tracy Gilbertson, Secretary