

Black River Falls Public Library

Meeting of the Library Board

December 18, 2018

Members present: Tracy Gilbertson, Kristin Franks, Mitch Wester, Joel Busse, Karen Thayer and Nancy Stevens. Charles Nibbe, Fred Goettl and Shelly Severson were absent. Director Tammy Peasley and Mayor Jay Eddy were also in attendance.

Karen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Minutes of last month were approved on a motion by Mitch and a second by Nancy. Carried. Vouchers were approved with a motion by Mitch and a second by Joel. Carried. There were no public comments this month.

Director Tammy Peasley presented her report. The 2019 library budget was approved by the BRF City Council. Martha Rhead has been hired as library assistant. Jackson County Reads program planning is underway. The library will be open December 31 as a trial before requesting a policy change. A motion was made by Joel with a second by Kristin to approve the purchase of a special new table for the Children's Section.

We reviewed the Historian Report submitted by Mary Woods. She has been Historian for 24 years and is grateful to have been able to serve researchers and other visitors for that time.

We reviewed the Youth Services Report by Rhonda Groth. Attendance for Storytime was 169. Thirty children and 23 adults stopped in to see and read with Santa Claus at the library.

Vicki Fisher provided her Library Services Coordinator Report. In November we registered 26 new patrons. One hundred forty-nine items were added to our collection. Patrons are appreciative of the help given by Myron Daubert during Employment Related Services appointments offered at the library.

Mayor Jay Eddy answered board members' questions about the differences between library employees and other city employees. We also discussed the \$5000 we pay to the city for administration fees.

The final 2019 budget was approved by a motion from Joel and a second from Mitch. Carried.

A recommendation was made to hire Amanda Standerfer to lead our Strategic Planning. A motion to approve this was made by Mitch with a second by Nancy. Carried. Tammy will contact her to work out the details.

Tammy announced that Fred Goettl is resigning from the board.

At 5:20 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Tracy with a second by Joel. Carried.

Tracy Gilbertson

Secretary

