

Black River Falls Public Library

Meeting of the Library Board

December 21, 2021

Members present: Tracy Gilbertson, Melanie Floyd, Mitch Wester, Joel Busse, Kristin Franks, Grady Gutknecht and Charles Nibbe. Max Hart and Mandy Youngthunder were absent. Director Cara Hart was also in attendance.

Mitch called the meeting to order at 4:35.

Minutes of last month were approved on a motion by Grady and a second by Chuck. Carried. Vouchers were approved with a motion by Tracy and a second by Joel. Carried. There were no public comments this month.

Director Cara Hart's report was reviewed along with reports provided by Historian Mary Woods, Youth Services Coordinator Melody Gesicki and Library Services Coordinator Vicki Fisher.

The board discussed closing the library for a short time so that employees would be able to attend the Community Read Author meet and greet next May 5. Grady made a motion to approve closing on that day – time and length of closure to be determined, with a second by Kristin. Carried.

We looked at adding a sentence to the existing Personnel Policy stating, "When a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday". Joel moved to approve the addition with a second by Grady. Carried.

Cara asked that the board consider replacing the library's six oldest computers. Tracy made a motion to approve using funds up to \$6000.00 from donations to buy six computers and eight monitors, with a second by Grady. Carried. We will also possibly add a line to future budgets to upgrade technology on a rotating schedule.

We talked about the need to replace the desk in the Children's Section. Joel made a motion to approve \$200.00 for such a purchase with a second by Tracy. Carried. Cara will make the purchase when an appropriate one becomes available.

At 5:03 pm Kristin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Grady. Carried.

Tracy Gilbertson

Secretary