

Black River Falls Public Library

Meeting of the Library Board

January 17, 2023

Members present: Tracy Gilbertson, Grady Gutknecht, Mitch Wester, Melanie Floyd, Sarah Peloquin and Kristin Franks. Charles Nibbe, Mandy Youngthunder and Kylee Wussow were absent. Director Cara Hart was also in attendance via Zoom.

Mitch called the meeting to order at 4:07.

Minutes of last month were approved on a motion by Sarah and a second by Melanie. Carried. Vouchers were approved with a motion by Sarah and a second by Melanie. Carried

Mitch reported hearing patrons complimenting the holiday decorations.

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.

Among other things, Cara reported that we will be working with Jackson in Action on their Harvest of the Month Program. Each month a fruit or vegetable will be highlighted. As part of a Children's story hour, there will be a coloring sheet to take home, a short chat about the food, and possibly a sample to try.

Mary is busy working on the What to Do Before You Die program. We have stopped taking pre-registration but have a waiting list.

Melody's report included details about Storytime with Santa. Friends of the Library donated 40 books to be given as gifts. Pictures were taken with Santa. Approximately 48 attended.

Vicki reported that in December, 20 new patrons were added, one hundred seventy-nine items were added to our collection. Twenty-six BRF PL items were loaned, and 77 items were borrowed through WISCAT. The door count for the month was 3,097.

Cara would like to invite Chad Lewis to do another program in 2023. Tracy made a motion to approve \$350.00 for this with a second by Sarah. Carried.

Emergencies and Library Closing Policy was updated by eliminating the words "library doors" from a sentence. A motion was made by Melanie to accept the change. Second by Sarah. Carried.

We discussed the merits of repairing our existing disc cleaning machine vs replacing it. A motion was made by Tracy to fix it one more time. Second by Melanie. Carried.

We were surprised and delighted to receive a \$10,000 grant from the Black River Falls Area Foundation upon direction from Kay Finch on behalf of the Finch Family Fund. The specific purpose is "wherever needed the most within the library". Cara suggested we use the funds to replace our oldest computers. Sarah made a motion to approve of using the funds this way. Second by Tracy. Carried.

At 4:25 pm Tracy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sarah. Carried.

Tracy Gilbertson

Secretary