

Black River Falls Public Library

Meeting of the Library Board

February 21, 2023

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

Mitch called the meeting to order at 4:04.

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

No public comments.

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 Winding Rivers Library System subscribed to Kanopy, a video streaming platform that offers documentaries, TV series, and kids' content free with a library card.

Mary reported that over 50 people registered for the program "What to do Before You Die". There was room for just 36 so a second program may be offered.

Melody's report included details about Storytimes and Lego Club. She is currently scheduling summer programming.

Vicki reported that in January, 35 new patrons were added, one hundred six items were added to our collection. Forty-three BRF PL items were loaned, and 100 items were borrowed through WISCAT. The door count for the month was 3,196.

After the purchase of various computer equipment there remains 2900.00 unspent from the 10,000.00 Finch Family Donation. Cara suggested several things that would benefit library patrons including a coffee machine for the Internet Café, purchase of a State Park pass that could be checked out and upcoming programs. Sarah made a motion to approve spending the funds on these items and any others with a second by Grady. Carried – Kylee abstained.

Yearly cleaning services were reviewed and approved with a motion by Sarah and a second by Kylee. Carried.

The Annual Report was approved with a motion by Sarah and a second by Grady. Carried.

Approximately 3500.00 needs to be used from our carry over funds for the 2022 budget. Motion to approve made by Kylee with a second by Sarah. Carried.

At 4:31 pm Sarah made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Melanie. Carried.

Tracy Gilbertson

Secretary