KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

The KPL Board of Trustees met Tuesday, December 9th, 2014 at 6:04 pm at Kasson City Hall, due to Christmas community events scheduled at the library site.

Present: L. Carlsen, L. Hopkins, S. Joachim, T. Kamel, and Art Tiff, Director
Absent: J. Rase
Visitors: Beverly Jorgensen, Pat Baldwin, and Earlene King
Amendments to the Agenda: to move 10.5 (SELCO report) to be the next topic. Motion by Kamel, 2nd Joachim to approve this change. All ayes.
SELCO Board of Director's Report: Beverly informed the Board of recent research but the PEW Institute supporting adults who read books at 79%. This could be for pleasure, research, or recreation as reading with a child. In response to an earlier question by the Board, SELCO classes are available for staff and Board members only at this time. A communications person has been hired for interface with participating libraries. Ann Hutton has initiated an early childhood program "MOO" for checkout of games and manipulatives.
Financial Reports/Approval of Payables: Motion to accept by Joachim, 2nd by Hopkins. All ayes.
Director's Report: Art informed the Board that there were 126 patrons at the Christmas in Kasson event on December 6th to partake in stories, coloring contests, and candy canes. Three staff evaluations will be completed next month. The Saturday participation continues to grow in numbers. The Summer Reading Program will kick off on Jan 7th, 2015, and Pat Shaffer-Gottschalk will attend a meeting at SELCO. Kelly Bell's photo and article appeared in the Post Bulletin for her Story time on 11-27-14.
Committee Reports: Earlene King informed the Board that the building grant had been denied, so the architects are attempting to reduce the cost by making adjustments to size, 3,000 sf will be lost. Other money has come in such as $25,000 from MARDAG and $10,000 from Mayo Clinic. A survey to assess teen input will be conducted by C. Coleman and M. Ferris by way of questionnaire. Lori Hopkins reported that she is ending her 9 years on the Board as of 12-31-14. Art presented Lori with a homemade shadowbox plaque that he constructed to commemorate her dedication and service to the Library Board. Pat Baldwin reported the Friends Annual meeting will be on Feb 22 at the Hubbell House with a Christmas party to be held at Prairie Meadows. There was no update from the Capital Campaign.
Old Business: Art provided this info within his Director's report
New Business: To avoid controversy about our building sign banning guns on the property, it was decided to simply remove the sign. The MN League of Cities supported this move as public property cannot ban guns by patrons.
Closed Meeting: 7:19 pm, the Director's Performance Evaluation by the Board.
Open Meeting: 8:08 The Board approved an increase of 1 step, same grade for Art Tiff.
General Discussion: Tarik Kamel will read A Christmas Carol to residents of Sunwood Manor on Saturday, Dec 13th at 1:00.
Adjourn: 8:20 pm Submitted by Susan Joachim, secretary