



Library Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Columbus Public Library - 223 W. James Street

Call to Order

Pete Kaland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call, Introduction of Visitors, Public Input

Present: Pete Kaland, Amanda Wakeman, Nora Vieau, Sue Salter, Trina Reid, Shirley Berkley, Dana Pike, Deb Haeffner, Merry Anderson, Jim Schieble

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Deb moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Deb moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

1. November 19, 2024 Library Board Minutes

Reports

2. Financial Secretary's Report

SCLS Foundation up \$13,007. Withdrawal from checking of \$440 for staff year-end gifts. CDAR2 renews 1/16/25 at 5.20%. Merry moved and Shirley seconded a motion to approve Financial Secretary report. Motion carried.

3. Bills- \$4,471.14

Bills of \$4,471.14 submitted. Merry moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

4. Library Director's Report

Winter Reading Program signup has started and will run through January 2025.

NaNoWriMo with Valerie Biel wrapped up in December with 18 young authors participating. Holiday Train warm-up event reached about 100 people with Friends of the Library doing an amazing job. All regular programs continue to be well attended.

Holiday Recipe Swap on 12/3 had a good turnout. Currently adjusting times of book clubs to see what draws most participants. The After Hours Books Club continues to grow with 17 attendees including several people from Beaver Dam.

Upcoming Programs

Tuesday evenings in January-Beginning Piano for Adults

Book Subscription Service begins in January

January 30-Laura Wessel, Rainbow Community Care will host a program on navigating grief

February 1-Monthly Genealogy Workshop will host a presentation by Rebecca Hopman, Genealogy Services Librarian, Wisconsin Historical Society

February 6-Badger Talk with Prof. Sissel Schroeder on Uncovering Ancient Aztalan

Meetings

Library closed December 11 so staff could attend City of Columbus Christmas Party. Staff enjoyed stepping away to meet and talk with other city employees.

November 22-In lieu of All Directors Meeting, SCLS hosted directors to help create a strategic plan for the System.

5. Library Director Goals

Continuing to work with Public Services Department heads to collaborate on events. Desktop under construction. Planning underway for summer reading program. Working with Youth Services to create a Homeschool Program at the Library.

6. President's Report

none

Literacy Council

none

Friends of the Library

Friends sales of \$340 during the wine walk. Friends also participated in the Holiday train event. Blowout sales were slow.

Correspondence

none

Committee Reports

none

Unfinished Business

As noted in November minutes, new Annex tenant has moved in.

New Business

none

Adjourn

Jim moved and Nora seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next scheduled board meeting—January 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the Annex.