

Brewer Public Library
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Brewer Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2022

Present (by Zoom meeting): Francis Braithwaite, Dawn Kiefer, Lisa Rewald, Karin Tepley, Jarred Burke, Dave Turk, Blossom Wright

Also present: Martha Bauer

Absent: Ida Ryan, Linda Genthes

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Braithwaite. A quorum was present.
2. Director Bauer indicated that the meeting was properly posted.
3. Motion by Kiefer, seconded by Burke, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Turk, seconded by Wright to waive reading of the February minutes in lieu of printed copies and approve the minutes with two corrections. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - No Treasurer's report due to lack of report from city. Motion by Burke, seconded by Kiefer, to postpone this report until the next meeting in April.
6. **Director Report:**
 - Circulation for February was 4,021. 2,347 adult material, 126 YA material, 1,548 juvenile material and A/V was 1,118. Wiscat circulation was 56 borrowed items and 82 lent items. Computer usage=322 wireless log-ins, 124 log-ins. 218 pages printed (\$43.60).
 - There was 1 adult program with 13 attendees and 5 Juvenile programs with 169 attendees.
 - One of the toilets on the main level of the library was clogged and overflowed. The tiles on the bathroom floor popped off. Wallace, Cooper and Elliot is filing an insurance claim. There is a \$1,000 deductible. Badgerland Flooring will not begin work until the tiles are tested for asbestos.
 - The library is fully staffed. Mindi is the new Library Assistant.
 - A patron complained about two new displays about LGBTQ and Black Lives Matter. She found them offensive and claimed that we should cover the other side(?). She had a long discussion with Martha.
 - Circulation is up and we are bouncing back after Covid.
 - There are plans to get the book bikes out and the Library will have a table at the Farmer's Market.
 - The Library will be a Library Fellow in the National Science Foundation project that seeks to involve rural communities, particularly ones with growing Latinx populations, in exploring polar research through virtual reality experiences

Motion by Rewald, seconded by Tepley, to approve the Library Director's report. Motion carried.

7. **Motion to pay monthly library bills:** Motion by Burke, seconded by Tepley, to approve payment of the monthly bills. Motion carried.
8. **Maker's Space:** The Foundation is providing \$5,000 towards outfitting the Maker's Space. Martha is asking for an additional \$4,000 from the library budget to purchase additional equipment for the space. She will provide a list of requested equipment, along with prices, at the next meeting so that we can vote on this expenditure.
9. **FEH Proposals:** The FEH study on the future building proposals for our library is coming to an end, The Board has to decide where to take these proposals. Do we need to do a feasibility study and fundraising campaign planning or do we focus on current space usage and programming? We will discuss further at the next Board meeting.
10. **Friends of the Library and Foundation Report:** The Foundation will meet in April.
11. **City and County Board reports:** Karen Tepley reported that the City is going to begin construction on 7th St. The City is also working on the 300 ordinance that deals with properties that are eyesores. Tom McCarthy and Kevin Melby have joined the City Council.

Dave Turk reported that the County will have new Board members. A committee is studying the current meeting structure for Board members which hopefully will result in more efficient and less meetings. The County is also working on replacing the outdated and unreliable emergency radio system.

12. **School District Report:** Jarred Burke reported that there will be a change of leadership on the School Board. The Board is currently working on next year's budget.

13. **Adjournment:** Motion by Tepley, seconded by Burke, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting is Monday, April 18 at 4pm.

Minutes recorded by Lisa Rewald.