

Hall Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday April 18, 2023

7:00 p.m.

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Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair Mary Blanchette. Present on zoom: Mary Blanchette, Mary Cone, Ashley Dabbondanza, Cheryl Chamberlin: In person Judy Stomberg, Janet Wieliczka, Susan Phillips.

Citizens Forum. Nothing.

Approval of Minutes: Delayed to next meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Reviewed.

Current Year Budget Report

Money for computer upgrade/replacement on hold while waiting for a quote on purchasing computers from the BOE IT Department.

Friends of the Library. No report.

Library Director's Report

Reviewed activities in March and the events planned for the week of vacation in April. The elevator was repaired last week but stopped working on Saturday when a staff member was unable to exit the elevator until the Fire Department freed her. Waiting for the repair. Many donations received in memory of Ruth Helme, a former long-time Library Board Member.

Waiting for the condenser repairs to resume on the air conditioning.

Habitat for Humanity has offered the library a 4 x 4 custom built playhouse. A motion was made by Judy Stomberg and seconded by Janet Wieliczka to accept the donation of the custom- built playhouse. The vote was unanimous to accept the playhouse.

A motion was made to use Fowler Fund money to install shelving for the adventure kits. Judy Stomberg made the motion and Mary Cone seconded the motion to spend \$968.28 of the Fowler fund money on the installation of the shelving. The vote was unanimous to spend the Fowler Fund money on the installation of the shelving.

Staff has expressed concerns for their safety when working nights and one person is in Reference and one in the Children's Library. They would like to see the possibility of panic buttons being installed in these locations. This will be investigated.

A reminder to view the wonderful art work from the high school. It will be on display through May.

Old Business

Brief review of the suggested cuts to the budget by the Board of Finance. Decision on where the cuts are to be made on hold at this time.

New Business

A policy for the library being a drop-off point for donations is under review and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Trustees Concerns. None

Correspondence

The Board received a lovely thank you note from Cheryl Chamberlin.

Adjournment

Motion made by Janet Wieliczka and seconded by Judy Stomberg to adjourn at 7:47pm. Unanimously approved.

Submitted by



Mary Blanchette

Chair, Library Board of Directors