

BRILLION PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Brillion Public Library 10:00 A.M.
November 18, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Mark Axelrod called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Chair Marc Axelrod, Dean Wallace, Betty Nies, Lyle Ott, Tammy Fischer, Linda Deiter, and Nancy Zimpel. Also present was Library Director Chris Moede. Absent: Jeff Vande Hey and Dominick Madison.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Dean Wallace moved to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Lyle Ott. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- October 21, 2015

Motion – Linda Deiter moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2015, Library Board Meeting as printed and circulated. Seconded by Nancy Zimpel. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A Thank You card was received from Sean O’Fallon and staff for the work experience of Jeremy Meulemans.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Circulation: is down from last year (but still higher than Chilton and New Holstein).

Financial:

Motion – Lyle Ott moved to accept the Financial Report as printed and circulated with additional bills for Charter Communications (\$29.99) and Viking Electric (\$23.28). Seconded by Dean Wallace. Motion carried.

c. Library Happenings:

The Library has a Christmas tree at the Brillion Historical Society. It is decorated with books and there is a “Guess How Many Books are on the Tree” game associated with it.

Chris attended the WLA Conference in Middleton November 5th and 6th. Again there were very good sessions on the changing role of Libraries, “Maker Boxes”, web site design and tips, Facebook ideas, partnerships between schools and the Public Libraries, and much more.

Automation/Technology:

Shared System/LARS:

The LARS group decided to purchase the A-Z database. It contains many nice features and should be up and running in the next couple months. Our share of the cost is \$446/year. Ancestry.com is in use.

The switch to Charter is in the works. The security software had to be changed. This will be paid for by the Library System.

Technology updates:

Chris brought up the idea of purchasing ipads for use in the Library only. She will look for grants for this or we can use Chester Tamm funds.

Buildings and Grounds Maintenance

Any Building and grounds issues

No issues.

Control Group came to the Library and checked the settings. It seems to be working better.

Jane Kopidlansky cleaned up the gardens - we are VERY THANKFUL for all her help.

It was noted that there is water on the window ledge in the parking lot entrance hall. Chris said this happens when we have heavy rains that come down at a certain angle.

Library programs

Library Friends

The Basket Silent Auction starts November 23rd and goes until December 14th.

The Friends group is meeting this Thursday, Nov 19th.

Ongoing program updates

The Turkey Craft event will be held at the Brillion Nature Center on Saturday November 21st.

Manitowoc-Calumet Library System

The System Board Meeting is tonight at 6:30 in Brillion.

The System will hire a person(s) to clean up the card catalog system.

There will be a Summer Reading Program seminar in Feb 2016.

Library budget

The City Budget hearing will be November 23, 2015.

Volunteer Reception

The Volunteer Reception will be held Tuesday, December 15th at 4:00 PM

NEW BUSINESS

NA

PRESIDENT

NA

CITIZEN INPUT

NA

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Brillion Public Library Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion – Linda Deiter moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nancy Zimpel. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM

Tammy Fischer, Secretary