

GARNETT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 4th, 2019

5:30 PM

Present: Betts Abraham, Jennifer Sibley, Linda Huettenmueller, Sandra Moffatt, Carrie Rulon, and Mike Hermann. Also present: Andrea Sobba, Library Director.

I. Secretary's Report – The minutes were approved as submitted. (Huettenmueller/Moffatt).

II. Treasurer's Report – Bank statements for the Gifts & Memorials account and SEK State Aid account were available for review and check registers had been reconciled. The Gifts & Memorials account earned \$1.19 in interest for the period ending 2/1/19.

III. The first state aid allocation of 2019 was received in the amount of \$926.44. A portion of the \$2500 previously donated by True Hope Church will be used to cover fees for storyteller Priscilla Howe (\$252.00). Payment of bills was approved (Sibley/Moffatt).

IV. Librarian Sobba presented her report. The Scrabble tournament was held on 2/24/19 with 10 teams participating. Anna Riblett and K. Storms took first place. The adult reading program also concluded with 48 participants reading a total of 407 books.

V. No minutes were received from the Walker Art Committee.

VI. The FOL will offer slices of homemade pie again to celebrate π Day on 3/14/19. Each delicious slice of pie will cost \$2.50. The annual book sale will be held Saturday, 4/13/19.

VII. A. Restoration of the interior library doors is on hold due to Tommy Lewis' relocation to a new home.

B. The library staff continues to experience some challenges. Adult services coordinator Cindy Powell will be leaving the library by April to pursue other interests. Cass is back on an adjusted schedule to address various health issues. Stacey is unable to work due to injury; Andrea will identify a possible replacement for the custodial position in case Stacey finds she cannot return.

C. Andrea has drafted a letter to the City commissioners regarding the end of Betts Abraham's term and Steve Markham's resignation from the Board. She also indicated that community members Denise Sheibmeier and Sharon Yost are willing to serve as replacements.

D. The City of Garnett reception "Celebrating Community Champions and Everyday Heroes" has been rescheduled for 6PM on Wed., 3/6/19. Unfortunately all Board members have previous commitments on that date.

E. There was no policy in need of review after all.

VIII. A. A request was made to hold ESL classes in the Archer Room. Given that these classes are provided free of charge by volunteer instructors, Board members granted permission with the understanding that classes will be rescheduled/relocated if library activities require use of the Archer Room during that time.

B. March Madness has descended upon the Garnett Public Library! Andrea and staff have put together an amazing schedule of events all month long to draw patrons to the library. Any activity marked on the calendar with an asterisk allows participants an entry into the end-of-month drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. Some activities will require advance registration. The calendar will be provided via the local papers, the library's facebook page, email, and hard copies at the circulation desk.

C. The usual library sessions will be held this month as well as the expanded March Madness activities: Teen Tech, Remember When Wednesday, Caffeine & Colors, book discussion group.

D. Connie will take a few days off during the week of 3/4/19. Nancy will be attending a summer reading program workshop on 3/5/19.

E. The next meeting will be held Monday, 4/1/19 at 5:30 PM in the Archer Room.

The meeting was adjourned (Huettenmueller/Moffatt).

Submitted by Jennifer Sibley, Secretary