

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 (Remote Meeting via Zoom)

Present: (Board Members) Sue Garrity, Lynn Bergen, Ken Jensen,
Theresa Kidd, Larry Fewins-Bliss (arrived late), Audrey Barton
(Library Director & Staff) Kristie Reynolds

Public Present: none

Next meeting: Wednesday April 21, 2021 @ 6:00pm via Zoom

I. Regular Business

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm
- b. Moment of civic reflection.
- c. Ken moves to approve the agenda, Audrey 2nd, all in favor.
- d. Public comment: none
- e. Disclosures of conflict of interest: none
- f. Audrey moves to approve the minutes with noted changes. Ken 2nd, all in favor.

II. Financial Report

Attached. A good report, and the budget is on track. Ken moves to approve the financial report, Sue 2nd.

III. Director Report

Attached. Many good things happening at BTPL! Open hours will increase, and Joana will rejoin the staff. The library's virtual presence has increased greatly thanks to Jana and the creation of a BTPL YouTube channel. Computer and system upgrades, and some tech issues which are being worked out with the help of ASK. Staff continues to adjust to the new space, and policies are being adjusted as needed. Patron visits, circulation statistics and virtual interaction numbers are all up.

IV. Unfinished Business

- a. Charging for Community Rooms – to be discussed again at April meeting. Kristie will put together a presentation and/or preliminary policy for review.
- b. Millage Discussion – An ongoing conversation. The current plan focuses on a millage renewal question in the November 2021 election. Sue provides excellent data (in the packet) from the previous millage campaign, and voter turnout.

- i. Kristie offers up the idea of a community survey, to gain a better understanding of what patrons see as the library's greatest strengths.
- ii. Discussion about forming a sub-committee, and the need to create a clear plan forward.

V. New Business – Items for Discussion

- a. Board Meetings – Back to In Person? - Board decides to wait, in the interest of health and safety. We will follow the lead of the township board or state guidelines. Kristie will update the current board meeting policy.
- b. MLA Memberships & Activities for Trustees – Kristie made good recommendations, keeping trustees on track and up to date.

VI. Items for Action

- a. none

VII. Closing

- a. Public Comment: none
- b. Board Member Comment: Kristie shares that the anticipated bookshelves arrived, and they cost far less than expected. Larry asks if an employee vaccination policy is necessary. It's good to hear that the staff continues to take precautions as most are on wait lists.
- c. Lynn moves to adjourn the meeting. Larry 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.