

St. Croix Falls Library Board Meeting 8/8/17

Attending Board Members: Arnie Carlson, Ron Erickson, Sharon Foss, Wendy Peterson

Absent Board Members: Adrienne Gyllen, Shirley Miller-Frey, and Liesel Virchow

Others attending: Library Director Sarah Adams

President Sharon Foss called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

Approval of Minutes

President Sharon Foss noted that her title was listed incorrectly as Vice President in the 7/11/17 minutes. Wendy moved, Sharon seconded and the Board approved the 7/11/17 minutes with this error corrected.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Continuing Business:

New Board Member: Sarah suggested Lynette Scott from the Cushing area be invited to serve on the Board. The Board agreed that Sarah should extend the offer to her.

2017/2018 Budgets: Arnie gave the Board the news that the City of St. Croix Falls Auditor had reported to the Council that the City had a 2017 budget shortfall of 44% largely due to two loans that had not yet been approved. If the loans are approved the shortfall is still 13%. He suggested that by September 1 the 2017 budget should be clearer. Sharon and Sarah are meeting with Mayor Bilesi on August 23 and will make a formal request to the Council for additional 2017 funding to meet the Library shortfall at the August 28 Council Meeting. The Board tabled discussion of the 2018 Budget until the September meeting.

In-lieu insurance payment: Ron moved the following resolution: The Library Board will no longer include payment in lieu of city group health insurance beginning September 1, 2017. Sharon seconded and the board approved.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Director's report and statistical report

Sarah proposed shortening Library hours by 1 hour/day beginning September 1 when Leah leaves the staff to start college. Wendy made the following motion: Beginning September 1 Library hours will be 9-6 Monday through Friday and 10-1 on Saturday. Sharon seconded and the Board approved.

Sarah showed the Board a spreadsheet comparing Wisconsin Libraries that indicated how expenditures for materials for the Library were lower than most. She will send the spreadsheet out to the Board.

DVD check outs are down 1,000 from 2016 during the January-July period.

Sarah reported the Friends of the St. Croix Falls Library will be meeting in September to discuss establishing a Library Foundation. The Library will be 100 years old in 2021 and the goal could be to raise \$100,000 by the 100th birthday. The Friends will also discuss potential author events.

Financial Report

The budget expenditures are at 64% compared to 62% that is budgeted.

Approval of monthly expenditures: The Board signed for expenditures.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Agenda items for next meeting, September 12 from 4:30-5:30 pm

2018 Budget Discussion. New Board member. Building Maintenance.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by Ron Erickson, 8/8/2017