



Bethel Public Library

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Meeting Minutes
BPL Board of Directors
Monday 4/22/2024 at 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Linda Curtis, Mary O'Leary, John Schmuecker, Robin Grubard, Rebecca Hussey, Sue Morton, Tia Murphy, Julia Douglas, Kristin Fedders, Library Director Megan Dean.

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Robin Kahn, Terri Rotella, Connie Kaufman

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Linda Curtis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF 3/25/2024 MEETING MINUTES: Vice Chair Linda Curtis asked if the members had read the minutes, and if there were any questions. Mary O'Leary made a motion to approve the minutes. Rebecca Hussey seconded the motion. Kristin Fedders abstained. The remainder of the members voted in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rebecca Hussey asked if the members had any questions about the March treasurer's report. Robin Grubard made a motion to approve the March report. John Schmuecker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: There was no chairman's report this month.

FRIENDS OF THE BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY: Director Dean reminded the board that the Friends has their annual shredding event on May 11th from 9:00-12:00. She also informed the Board that the Friends held an appreciation breakfast for Library Staff.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Director Megan Dean discussed the spending report and the statistics. The Library is working on improving the circulation numbers. However, programming and digital content numbers have all increased. Discussion of the difference between Overdrive, Libby, Hoopla, Bibliomation, and the Palace apps. The donation of 500 eclipse glasses to distribute to residents was a big success. All 500 glasses were taken by residents. Teen grant money is being spent. More details to come.

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LIBRARY HOURS: Board needs to make a formal position on library hours if we do take on extra staff. John Schmuecker made a motion to add additional hours (open until 8:00 pm) on Tuesdays starting September 3, 2024 pending the passing of the budget vote on April 23, 2024. Rebecca seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

Sue Morton made a motion to open Sundays during the summer starting July 7, 2024 pending the passing of the budget vote on April 23, 2024. Tia Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: John Schmuecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rebecca Hussey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Linda Curtis adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Grubard
BPL Board Secretary