

SHENANDOAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

September 4, 2024

This meeting will be via Zoom (Z), an accepted internet method of meeting with members who may attend online, if requested.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregg Broermann, Dan Cox, Mims Henstorf, Jennifer Jones, Melinda Kirby, Amy Miller, Justin Trowbridge, Jenny Burkhiser, Mary Ann Gibson(Z), Eric Holste(Z), and Chris Wiebold.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Adam Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Carrie Falk, Director; Jon Brantner Council Representative

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Shenandoah Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Dan Cox at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept 4 , 2024 in the Carnegie Room.

II. PUBLIC FORUM:

III. READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the past board meeting were read through email. Motion to approve made (Justin/Amy) and passed.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS: A donation from Shenandoah Rotary was presented to the Library to be used for Zoo passes or another similar community use. Unfortunately, the Omaha Zoo does not have zoo passes so an alternative similar use will be decided by the staff.

V. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: Board read by email. No additions.

VI. REPORT OF THE FRIENDS: The Friends will meet next Monday to make decisions on the continuation of the group. Those who help as leaders are ready to retire and no replacements can be found. Volunteers for library activities may simply come from a list willing to help when needed and if available.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Budget: End of the year budget came in at 98% spent. Kudos

B. Building: Bopps Carpeting will clean the carpets as needed. The new front door will be installed in a month. Fingers crossed.

C. Operations: The Directors Salary for 2025 will be discussed by the Operations Committee.

D. Policy: The wordage of the Social Media Policy was reviewed, and the words “hate speech” will be removed. A motion (Gregg/Chris) to change the policy was made and approved.

VII. PAYROLL AND BILLS:

- A. Motion to pay bills (Gregg/Amy) was made and approved with the Simmons Trust to be used for specific categories as recommended by the city.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. The Sunshade project is at a standstill awaiting project details to be made.
- B. August programming was jam packed with activities for the youth and adults. Some projects were: New teacher Meet and Greet, the successful Virtual Reality Game Truck, a basic mending workshop led by Bevin along with teaching Darn It. Crocheting also seems to be getting a group to “jump through the loops.” A program on the needs of Policing and Mental Health led to no conclusions, but more thought.
- C. Library Security system upgrades will be researched.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The library will participate in Shenfest by having a booth at the entertainment for children in the morning.
- B. Carrie will be on vacation the 16th-27th.
- C. September events are already scheduled which include Intermediate Crochet, Maker Spaces, Sewing Machine instruction, Friendship bracelets, Outreach for teens, and Iowa Scenic Views by Foot.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Salary Update

Motion to adjourn made and passed by acclamation.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024 at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mims Henstorf, Secretary _____

Dan Cox, President _____