

Minutes of the David A. Howe Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 9, 2024

Trustees Present: Nic Gunning, Director, Donald Comstock, President, Kris Green, Tom Reuning, Nancy Reuning, Treasurer, Nora Burdick, Anne Sobeck, Secretary

Trustees Absent: Emily Peavey, Vice-President, Madeleine Gasdik, Tim Colligan

Call to Order: President Comstock called the April 9, 2024 meeting to order at 7:34am.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the March 2024 minutes was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee T. Reuning. The motion carried. (6,0)

Director's Report:

A. Statistics

-Circulation---no info available

-Programs-----no info available

B. News from the Library

-Director Gunning served on the Central Library Planning Committee to discuss state funding use throughout the library system.

-Director Gunning has been asked to chair the Director's Advisory Council's committee on patron relations.

-DAHL staff and patrons participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

-Kate, Ally and Director Gunning participated in the WCS Read Across America Day.

-Ally spoke at Houghton College on librarianship as a career path.

C. Department Reports

Adult: Overall, close to 1000 pairs of eclipse glasses were handed out by the DAHL! The talk presented by Dave Toot was very well attended. Arrangements for a viewing on the library terrace was planned. An official live-stream was also planned if visibility is poor.

Auditorium and Exhibits: Katherine decorated the Chamber of Commerce window to promote the Spring Concert Series. She has developed a pre-show slide series to run prior to auditorium events.

Youth: “Book Madness” is currently underway. Ally is hosting a teen craft club. Kate held a well attended Easter storytime and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a great success!

Technology: Gary is teaching the tech class at OFA and is willing to extend classes if they are interested. Discussion about applying for a grant to replace the very dated ipads has started.

Building and Grounds: The backstage floors are currently being redone. Rick has replaced some wood trim that was damaged during the auditorium repair. The auditorium dehumidifier needs some repair work, Rick is looking into it.

D. Grants and Funding

-Katherine applied for and received an Arts, one-time, operational grant for \$20,000!

Committee Reports:

The building and grounds committee need to meet.

Friend’s Report: The Friend’s meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for April 11th. They will be picking the winner of the “Dinner for Eight”. The “Fly-In Breakfast” is scheduled for June 23rd. Trustee Burdick will keep the BOT informed.

Old Business: The question of organizations reserving rooms long-term for their meetings was brought to the BOT. The administrative committee will meet to review the DAHL policy.

New Business: Director Gunning and Amanda have discussed the possibility of working remotely---more discussion to follow.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35am was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Green. The motion carried. (6,0)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sobeck

Secretary

