

KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

The KPL Board of Trustees met Thursday, November 6, 2014, at 7:00 pm. (Change of date and time due to the occurrence of Veterans Day on the scheduled day when the Library is normally closed.)

Present: L. Carlsen, L. Hopkins, S. Joachim, T. Kamel, J. Rase, and Art Tiff, Director.

Absent: none

Visitors: P. Baldwin and E. King

Amendments to the Agenda: motion to correct starting time from 6:00 to 7:00 pm by Rase, 2nd by Hopkins. All ayes.

Minutes of October 14, 2014, KPL Meeting: motion to approve, Joachim, 2nd by Kamel, all ayes.

Financial Reports/Approval of Payables: motion to approve by Hopkins, 2nd by Joachim. All ayes.

Monthly Reports: motion to approve by Rase, 2nd by Hopkins. All ayes.

Director's Report: Art reports that the fund raising Festival was a success, more discussion by Pat Baldwin included under the Committee Reports. The 2014 Christmas in Kasson event on December 6th will include story readings by Pat Shaffer-Gottschalk to include Christmas, Hanukah, and Kwanzaa at 10:30, 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. There will also be a scavenger hunt and candy canes will be passed out. Art assured the Board that the \$100,000 that had been removed from the budget by the City had been returned without penalty to us. Thank you letters have been sent to donors to the capital campaign fund to express gratitude for any amount.

Committee Reports: Earlene King indicated that the groundbreaking would need to be delayed until Spring 2015 as the weather is not conducive to construction. The committee is anticipating response on a MN Library Construction grant soon. There has been collaboration with the architect on the interior drawings and designs, and the site meeting with the manager has taken place. Lori mentioned the grand opening of Shopko to take place at 8:45 am on Friday, November 14th, and invited the Board members to attend. Pat B. informed the Board of participation by the various Book Clubs to include reviews in their newsletter, Bookends. The next Capital Campaign meeting will be on December 11th where they will discuss hosting another Festival Night. Pat and Art shared information about the fund raiser on Nov 1st that was fun and well received by families: many positive comments, good reception with participation by school groups who provided excellent entertainment, games and Bounce Houses. While the total cost exceeded the intake, the remaining tee shirts should bring in an additional \$2,500.

Old Business: Our agreement with SELCO-ILL has been signed and delivered. New library policies are being drafted with review by the Board at the next KPL meeting.

New Business: The Saturday hours have been such a success that a motion was made by Hopkins, 2nd by Rase, all ayes, to continue with the schedule of 10-1:00pm every Saturday. Art supplied the Board with statistics to support the plan. With the Family Story Times being held in December, it was suggested by Hopkins to go to City Hall for our next meeting on December 11th at 6:00. The Early Childhood Initiative computer has been set up and it is running.

General Discussion: staff reviews will be held during the January KPL Board meeting.

Adjourn: 8:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Susan Joachim