

KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES

The KPL Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 6:05 pm in the Library.

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

Absent: J. Rase

Visitors: Pat Shaffer-Gottschalk and Melanie Bersano

Amendments to the Agenda: none, motion by Hopkins, 2nd Carlsen to approve the agenda. All ayes.

Minutes of March 11, 2014 KPL Board meeting: Motion to approve with correction by Joachim, 2nd Carlsen. All ayes.

Financial Reports: Motion to accept reports by Hopkins, 2nd Kamel. All ayes.

Monthly Reports: Kamel commented on the upswing in attendance for children's programs. KMNG brought 2 groups on 4-11-14 and JLH will be attending on Thursdays. The winter conditions brought participation levels down.

Director's Report: There will be a "Meet and Greet" on April 28, at 6:00 pm with Repo and ~~her~~ his handler, Missi Roland. They will introduce the Reading Education Assistance Dogs program, or READ. Pat Shaffer-Gottschalk will be the contact person at the Library. Melanie presented information about a summer program Walk/Ride to KPL to be coordinated with Extreme Fitness as a fitness camp. Health, nutrition and fitness will be presented and demonstrated weekly. Art mentioned that the staff is working well together and he gave appreciation for their work. The Dodge County Expo was held on March 29th and Art brought the display Boards to share. Many people stopped to comment and ask questions of the Friends and KPL staff. One display board allowed for written comments from the public. Art and Pat will be on the Early Childhood Initiative group which will host a Fun Run Walk Stroll event on April 26th to raise money for early childhood scholarships and to procure matching grants. Art attended a presentation by Jerry Williams about the DMC and the expected impact on outlying communities. Also, Art has indicated an interest in participating in the Learning Environment sub-committee for the DMC. Committee Reports: Earlene King thanked the Board for their support and is asking to create a fund raising committee. Lori Hopkins shared that in terms of the DMC and the proposed business acquisitions (Shopko Home Store proposal); the statistics from UW-Extension indicate that 70% of all household expenditures leave Dodge Co. We could lessen that amount to benefit Kasson. Pat Baldwin informed the Board that the Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held in the library on May 1 & 2. The Bag Sales will be May 5 & 6.

Old Business: The Stabilization Fund was transferred to the Library Building Fund on March 12th. The KPL inventory was completed last month with the realization that help is required in remedying the bar codes. They are not up to date which causes discrepancies.

New Business: The survey to assess public opinion on additional library time has been completed with the result showing approval by a majority. The Board felt it was best to begin a trial in September after school begins. A motion to implement a 3 month trial of extended Saturday hours (10 am-1 pm) was made by Joachim, 2nd Hopkins. All ayes.

General Discussion:

Adjourn: 7:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Susan Joachim, secretary