

CARVER COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Our Mission

To best serve the Carver County community, the library will be a provider of resources, spaces and experiences that enrich and empower people's lives.

November 14, 2023

Waconia Library Activity Room

4:30 p.m. Regular Library Advisory Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Charles Teh, Frank Foss, Jan Melchert, Gwen Kuhrt, Tenley Rutledge

County Commission liaison: Matt Udermann

Absent— Alan Krueger

Library Staff Present: Jodi Edstrom (Director), Kevin Spencer (CH Branch Manager), Patrick Jones (CN/VC Branch Manager), Paul Ericsson (NYA, WT, WAC Branch Manager), Bob Lincoln (Systems Administrator), Kristin Schneider

Guests: Jim Weygand, John Von Walter

AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Quorum: 3)

Teh; 4:30 pm

2. Agenda Review and Adoption

Foss/Melchert; approved

3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting

Foss/Teh; approved

4. Public Comment/Introduction of Visitors:

Weygand; Introduced local author John Von Walter. They have donated 6 copies of Von Walter's book "Historic Carver on the Minnesota River."

5. Action Items:

5.1 Cancellation of December Library Advisory Board Meeting

Kuhrt/Melchert; approved

6. Unfinished and New Business

None

7. Administrative Reports

7.1. Team Updates – Intergenerational – Kristin Schneider

IG mission is to target different generations working together. Activities have included Poetry Mashups, Games & Gathering, and Grandparents Week.

Technology- Bob Lincoln

Accomplishments: Auto renewals, text messaging, Teams implementation, hotspot upgrade, charging stations, fiber optic upgrades. Projects in progress: MNLink system changes,

online library card application, enhanced librarian recommendations interface, new catalog stations, new public PCs in Waconia, new staff workstations, credit card processor updates, RFID vendor change.

7.2. Budget Update – Jodi Edstrom (see IFS report enclosed)

There has been an increased need for STOC (substitutes) coverage and have received an increase in that budget. There will be a shortfall in the fines and fees income line of the budget that will need to be made up elsewhere. *Foss* expressed his desire to move toward a fine-free library system.

7.3. Library Director-Jodi Edstrom (enclosed)

The Libros y Mas (Spanish programming and materials) Dahlke grant was approved by the county. The leadership committee will review the Dahlke grant extension process. A report on progress with the strategic plan and goals will be coming in January.

8. Trustee & Commissioner Reports

8.1. Chanhassen and Victoria Libraries-

Jones: The library was featured in Chanhassen Neighbors magazine. Programs on science, Halloween, and yoga have been hosted. Linnea shared information at the Chanhassen Seniors Fair.

8.2. Chaska Library-

Spencer: Staff received inspiration at the MLA conference. Around 250 trick-or-treaters visited for Halloween. Jessica held a successful Harry Potter escape room. Planning for the 101st anniversary and future of the library.

8.3. Norwood Young America Library-

Ericsson: Paul attended the NYA Chamber of Commerce meeting.

8.4. Waconia and Watertown Libraries-

Ericsson: Waconia received a nice feedback note from a child patron. The library was a welcoming place for a teen group to create condolence cards. Working with Early Childhood to partner on early literacy programming.

8.5. MELSA-Matt Udermann

Udermann: Spoke of his trip to California and meeting with California library staff. Mentioned the deep need for social services at their libraries. Spoke in favor of empowering people on the front lines to make decisions.

9. Correspondence/Additional info:

None

10. Media Packet-attached

10.1. October 2023 press (enclosed)

11. Adjournment

Kuhrt/Melchert 5:35pm

Next Meeting: January 9, 2024 – 4:30pm – Victoria City Hall Council Chambers

Submitted by Kevin Spencer