

Meeting Minutes

Valley City Barnes County Public Library Board

Date: March 16, 2023

Hilde van Gijssel, Deedra Froemke, Annie Beauchman,

Anita Tulp (Director)

Via Zoom: Vicky Lovell, Dewey Magnuson, Melissa Lloyd (assistant Director)

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Hilde van Gijssel at 5:33pm.

Additions to Agenda

None.

Minutes

The minutes from the February 16, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Deedra Froemke motioned to approve; Annie Beauchman second. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Anita Tulp went over the financials and we are on track at around 15%. Dewey Magnuson motioned to approve the financials as presented; Annie Beauchman second. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Vicky Lovell: Y Deedra Froemke: Y
 Hilde van Gijssel: Y Annie Beauchman: Y
 Dewey Magnuson: Y

Director's Report

An email version was sent out previously. Anita Tulp went over a few items on the report. Our expense to return the copier was higher than expected due to logistics. The Love Your Library event went well and there was good discussion.

Committee Reports

Building Committee – Director Anita Tulp gave an update on the roof project. We received the official/final report outlining the issues but not an estimate for repairs. The building committee will need to hire a contractor. Hilde van Gijssel will visit with the insurance company to see if we can file a claim against our policy and will call EAPC and see if they have contractor recommendations.

Policy Review

The approved Reconsideration Form edits were reviewed and accepted.

Old Business

Middle Room demolition quotes were reviewed and discussed. Additional information is being sought. Hilde van Gijssel motioned to approve the demolition quote by DHA and rebid the other two within a new budget of 16k to account for the cost of demolition; Annie Beauchman second. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Vicky Lovell: N Deedra Froemke: Y
 Hilde van Gijssel: Y Annie Beauchman: Y
 Dewey Magnuson: A

Vicky Lovell reported back from the county regarding adding a youth board member. A concern was raised regarding the topics we discuss being discussed with minors. The item was tabled for the next meeting.

We have a vacant board position and are accepting applications. We have received one application thus far. Anita Tulp will mention the vacancy in the monthly column with the Times Record or in a press release. A facebook post will be created so we can share it.

New Business

A national law firm has reached out offering pro bono legal representation concerning response to HB 1205 & SB 2360. Annie Beauchman motioned to sign on as a plaintiff; Hilde van Gijssel second. Motion failed by vote but will be revisited at the next meeting after more information can be gathered.

Roll Call: Vicky Lovell: N Deedra Froemke: N
 Hilde van Gijssel: Y Annie Beauchman: Y
 Dewey Magnuson: A

A proposal was reviewed regarding an official audit. While we aren't required to have a full audit, we are required to submit a financial report on an annual basis. The item was tabled while we get more information from the state about what the requirements are.

Aflac Insurance for employees is being considered after a WSI claim and a maternity leave. Local AFLAC office has been contacted for more information. Vicky Lovell mentioned that employees already have the option to purchase this through the city/county as an employee and she will get more information on it.

A proposal was reviewed for magazine rack removal and shelf installation and for the repurposing of a book display into a magazine/newspaper rack. A quote from Home Design would remove the current rack that houses newspapers and make more room for the large print collection. The total estimate would be \$1400-1600 for the project. Hilde van Gijssel motioned to approve up to \$1600 for the project; Vicky Lovell second. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Vicky Lovell: Y Deedra Froemke: Y
 Hilde van Gijssel: Y Annie Beauchman: Y
 Dewey Magnuson: A

Adjournment

Vicky Lovell motioned to adjourn at 6:51pm; Deedra Froemke second. Motion carried.

Next Meeting
Thursday, April 20th, 2023
5:30pm