Lamberton Public Library Board Meeting

November 8, 2018

The Lamberton Public Library Board met on November 8, 2018 at the library with Board Members: Wendy Wondercheck, Tesa Jenniges, Emily Scheffler, Linda Imker and Jane Zimmerman and Librarian Alicia Vogel and City Manager Madonna Peterson were present. Jim Sorenson and Amy Sonnek were absent.

Jane Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The minutes from the last meeting (September 13, 2018) were read and approved as presented. Motion: Wendy, Seconded: Linda. The minutes were approved.

Library Director’s Report:

Melanie Stringer’s Presentation had 46 people present. The school even brought kids up to the Presentation.

The request for the 4% increase from Redwood County was approved. The check has already been received and deposited into the Bank Account.

Story Time continues to have an average turnout of 10 – 13 kids. Alicia commented she really enjoys Story Time.

The following movies were held over the past couple of months:

“Hotel Transylvania 3” with 13 people attending.

“Mamma Mia Here we Go Again” with 15 people attending.

“Christopher Robin” (This will be shown in the morning of November 23rd .)

The Board was asked to bring 2 dozen bars or cookies for the Taste of Season Event. Alicia would like the treats to be delivered to the Library the morning of the event. (November 23rd)

The Library will be hosting Anita Gual on November 15th. She will be speaking about WWI women of Southwest Minnesota. It was suggested that she contact the school to inform them about the event.

The Winter Reading Program’s Theme this year is “Winter Reads”. It starts on January 1, 2019.

Alicia stated that she attended the October and November AC Meetings. She said they spoke about Safety and Unruly Patrons in the Workplace. It was suggested that Alicia set up a time with our Local Police Department to discuss what she should do about Unruly Patrons, along with other situations that may occur at the Library.

The Circulation report was reviewed.

Friends of the Library Update:

The Friends Celebrated National Friends Week. They have since gained 15 to 16 new members, along with receiving a number of donations since the flyers they made went out in the mail.

There were 13 kids at the Story Time with Rebecca Waldner.

The Pinterest Party had a very poor turnout. It may be because of the Winter/Christmas Theme or that there were activities happening at the school that evening.

The Friends are looking at doing a Wine/Painting Party in January. They are looking at collaborating with LJ’s on Main.

The Friends of the Library will be helping out at the Library for the Taste of the Season. It didn’t sound like they are going to be participating in the Lighted Parade Float.

The Friends are sponsoring a family this year for Share the Spirit.

The Book Club is slowly dwindling. There were only 2 participants at the Last Meeting. Timing Factor may be an issue.

Claims list for Approval:

Board Members reviewed and approved the September and October Claims List. Motion: Emily, Second: Wendy.

Old Business:

The Printer/Faxing issue has been resolved. Alicia had to purchase a splitter.

New Business:

Emily and Tesa met with Alicia on Monday, November 5th for her Annual Director Evaluation. Overall, Alicia does a very nice job as the Library Director. The two goals that were set this year for Alicia to achieve were the following:

1. Alicia would attend one Plum Creek Library Board of Directors Meeting per quarter.
2. To have Alicia enhance the promoting of the library. Some of the examples given: Tours to the Preschool, Utilizing Facebook even more by promoting what the Library has to offer and what the library can do for our patrons, facts about reading/library, and Displays (Showcasing the books/movie we have in our library.)

Catherine Goestouwers and Sharon Furth both said that the would be interested in being a Library Board Member. A Motion was made by Emily, seconded: Wendy that Catherine Goestouwers and Sharon Furth be recommended to the Lamberton City Council to be added as Library Board Members effective on January 1, 2019. Madonna will need to check to see what the Terms of the New Board Members will be.

Emily and Jim (although he was absent) were thanked for serving on the Library Board for 6 years.

Alicia stated the Redwood County Libraries are looking at one Board Member from each of the Redwood County Libraries to serve on the PCLS Governing Board. One Member will be appointed from the Redwood Falls Library, with an alternate appointed from Lamberton, Morgan or Wabasso Library. The Meetings are usually held in the evenings. The Board asked Alicia to find out more information about the terms and the scheduling of when meetings are held.

Madonna noted that Alicia can be reimbursed for the mileage and meals when she attends the Library Directors Meetings.

The City of Lamberton is putting together Welcome Baskets for new residents that move into town. Alicia was asked to put a brochure together about the Library.

Motion to adjourn was given by Wendy, Seconded: Emily.

**The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tesa Jenniges