

Western District Library Board Minutes March 25, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jan Gustafson. Those present were Kathi Parrish, Rod Ward, Jeanine McGaughy, Julie Abbott, Sue Routt, and Director Michelle Bailey. Absent was Beth Hoffman.

Public Comments

No public comments.

February Minutes

Meeting minutes from February 26, 2024 were reviewed. Rod moved to approve as presented, Sue seconded. Voted, approved.

Communications

Treasurer's Report

Rod shared the February treasurer's report. He mentioned that he had received a letter from Kim Hoffmann, notifying that she plans to perform our audit this year. Kathi moved to approve as presented, Julie seconded. Voice vote, 6-0, 1 absent.

Director's Report

Michelle shared the director's report for February, including the following:

- Brooke held a board game activity for younger elementary children, Gushers & Gamers. The Among Us activity for older children continues to be popular. Tinker Times, Little Picassos continue as well.
- There was an adult program on ice fishing.
- Unveiling of Hoopla has been well received. First invoice has not yet been received.

Committee Reports

No committee reports

Old Business

- A. Upcoming adult program event is April 18th, with speaker Temple Grandin. This will be held at MAC to accommodate anticipated sizeable attendance. There are 215 tickets spoken for after just one week, with max set at 250. Michelle will post announcement that board will go to lunch with Ms Grandin the next day, as this would be considered a meeting.
- B. Michelle is awaiting a quote from Village Homes Stores for blinds for some of the windows, to block direct sun hitting front desk & computers at some times of the day. Consultant suggested not covering the front (west) windows, so quote will be for only the south windows. Michelle will contact another company to get a competitive bid.
- C. Michelle has obtained price quotes for phone systems from Elevity and CDS Office Technologies. Based on numbers, Elevity seems like better fit, but Michelle will talk with Casey.

New Business

- A. The Popular Astronomy Club will donate a telescope to WDL. Roy Gustafson & president of the club will bring telescope to next month's meeting. The club has one member who will customize the unit for us.

Closed Session

No closed session

Other Business/Future Agenda Considerations

Reminder: May meeting will be on May 20, rather than 27th, since that's Memorial Day.

Michelle mentioned that the annual Illinois Library Association conference will be Oct 8-10 in Peoria. Michael Sheets (PBS resident librarian) will speak; Nick Offerman (actor/comedian) will also be there. Michelle (and maybe other staff) would like to attend, will bring necessary forms next month.

Rod moved to adjourn, Julie seconded. Voted, approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathi Parrish, Secretary