

Western District Library Board Minutes

April 22, 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, Beth Hoffman, and Sue Routt. Absent were Michelle Bailey and Julie Abbott. Al Sheidler, Dale Hachtel, and Roy Gustafson were present briefly to present the telescope to WDL. Georgia Veyette was present to represent the library in receiving the telescope.

Public Comments

No public comments.

March Minutes

Meeting minutes from March 25, 2024 were reviewed. Rod moved to approve as presented, Sue seconded. Voted, approved.

Communications

No communications.

Treasurer's Report

Rod shared the March treasurer's report. He noted that expenses are generally well below budget. Kathi moved to approve as presented, Jeanine seconded. Voice vote, 6-0, 1 absent.

Director's Report

Board reviewed the director's report for March, including the following:

- B&B DrainTech came out to clear drains from recent heavy rains. They will provide report. Jan will recommend to Michelle that we take remedial action to prevent taking on water in basement.
- Over 20 programs were hosted in March, including coffee times, astronomy program with Roy Gustafson (in anticipation of the solar eclipse with 38 patrons in attendance, and jewelry workshop. Attendance for adults events totaled 61.
- Brooke held 4 Wednesday story times, 1 Tinker Friday, 2 Among Us role-playing games, and an Easter egg hunt. Total attendance for all children's events was 35.
- Facebook page visits (1,134) spiked during March, reflecting overwhelming interest in the Temple Grandin program held on April 18. All 250 tickets were spoken for, with a wait list of 20.

Committee Reports

No committee reports

Old Business

- A. As mentioned in director's report, library staff were busy preparing for the Temple Grandin presentation, held at the MAC. Georgia shared recap of the event, emphasizing how pleased Dr Grandin was with her visit here.
- B. Blinds for south windows were ordered from Village Home Stores in Geneseo.
- C. Phones have been ordered from Gordon Flesch, to replace service from Mediacom.

New Business

- A. Telescope is being presented to WDL by Popular Astronomy Club (member representatives listed above). Dale Hachtel explained history of telescopes provided by Astronomical League to astronomy clubs for distribution to libraries. Georgia accepted and thanked the club on behalf of the library.
- B. Save the Date information for the IL Library Association Annual Conference in October was shared with board.

Closed Session

No closed session

Other Business/Future Agenda Considerations

Several board members reported having used Hoopla, with no problems.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathi Parrish, Secretary