

The meeting of the Guttenberg Public Library Board was called to order on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:01 PM, by library board member President Jim Schlueter.

Trustee members attending the meeting were Beth Mescher, Jan Hansel, and Librarian Katey Simon.

Minutes from the May 23rd, 2023, meeting were read. Mescher made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Hansel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Library Aide Position: Susan resigned at the end of May from the Library Aide position, Katey requested to proceed with hiring a new library aide and advertising for this position. This position will be 6-8 hours/wk including weekends. Mescher made the motion to approve moving forward with hiring. Hansel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rob-See-Cp Rural Library Grant – Katey stated that she will be applying for this grant. The grant is for a minimum of \$500 for projects including books, education, and/or software. Katey stated she will apply the grant towards the server or non-fiction books and it is due June 30th.

Summer Reading Program Update: Thirty-nine children are currently registered for the program. There were 28 participants for Storytime in the Park. Ten participants for S'mores and Yard Games night. 36 participants at Toby Kid Friendship Adventures.

Library Furniture Update – No one has completed a sealed bid for the furniture. Katey contacted the Family Resource Center, but no one has contacted her back about taking the furniture. The city stated that Katey could put it out at the “curb.” Trustee members helped carry furniture outside. Delivery of new furniture (loveseat and chair) will be on Tuesday, June 27th.

Discuss being closed on Saturdays of Memorial Day and Labor Day Weekends – Katey stated that in order for staff to have a “three day weekend” it would be nice to be closed these two Saturdays during the summer. After discussion, Hansel made the motion to approve being closed the two Saturdays of Memorial Day and Labor Day. Mescher seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Updates from last meeting:

Did not receive Association for Rural and Small Library Grant.

May/June FY budget spending- Katey did purchase items that were discussed last time, except the Marvel movies and screen protectors. There is still a “cushion” in the budget for the end of 22/23 fiscal year.

Library Foundation report from Foundation Treasurer Jim Schlueter -The book sale went well. They received around \$800. Only four people showed up to the “How Iowa Met Baseball” program. The fall program is with Kathy Wilson on the Salem Witch Trials on October 19th.

Upcoming Library Programs:

Majhogg, Thursdays at 1:00 PM, 6 th, 13th, 20th, 27th

▪ Scrabble, Fridays at 1:00 PM, 7 th, 15th, 21st, 28th

- Wednesday, June 28th at 10 AM, Art in the Park & Bike Safety Program, North Gazebo
- Thursday, July 6th at 7:00 PM, Writers Open Mic
- Friday, July 7th at 11:00 AM, Osborne Nature Center, Library
- Saturday, July 8th at 10:00 AM, Craft at North Gazebo
- Tuesday, July 11th at 11:00 AM, River the Therapy Dog, Guttenberg Library
- Friday, July 14th at 1:30 PM, Mississippi River Museum Stingray Tank, Lakeside Ballroom
- Friday, July 21st at 6:00 PM, Pool Party celebrating end of Summer Reading Program, Guttenberg Swimming Pool

Approve library's expenditures: Jim, Jan, Beth – completed.

Set date for next meeting: Monday, July 27th, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Adjourn: At 7:51 PM Mescher made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Hansel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Mescher 6/29/2023