Lamberton Public Library Board Meeting

January 10, 2019

The Lamberton Public Library Board met on January 10, 2019 at the library with Board Members: Wendy Wondercheck, Tesa Jenniges, Sharon Furth, Catherine Goetstouwers, Linda Imker, Jane Zimmerman, Librarian Alicia Vogel and City Manager Madonna Peterson were present. Amy Sonnek was absent.

President Jane Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

President’s Report:

The Board welcomed Sharon Furth and Catherine Goestowers to the Library Board of Directors.

Election of Officers took place. Sharon Furth nominated Wendy Wondercheck as Vice-President, Seconded: Tesa Jenniges. The motion was approved. Tesa Jenniges nominated Amy Sonnek as Secretary (contingent on her accepting the position), Seconded: Sharon Furth. The motion was approved. The Vice- President and Secretary are one year positions.

Secretary’s Report:

The minutes from the last meeting (November 8, 2018) were read and approved as presented. Motion: Wendy, Seconded: Sharon. The minutes were approved.

Library Director’s Report:

The Taste of the Season went great!

Dr. Anita Gaul (WWI) speaker had 15 people in attendance (all were women). She talked about The Women of Southwest MN & the Great War.

The Winter Reading Program is under way. It goes from January 1st – March 31st, 2019. The theme this year is “Winter Reads.” There are currently 33 participants signed up. The age group that can participate is 16 years old and older.

One County One Read Program “A Potluck of Murder and Recipes” is being held through the Legacy Program. The author will be in Lamberton in April for discussion on the book.

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

“Dog Days” with 15 people attending.

“Alpha” with 12 people attending.

Alicia is looking at showing “First Man”, “Boeheim Rhapsody” and “Instant Family” in the next couple of months.

The following kid movie was held this past month:

“Small Foot” with 14 people attending.

She will be showing “AXL” on January 18th.

Story Time will start up again on January 16, 2019. Alicia is excited. She really enjoys story time.

The Book Club has disbanded. They are hoping of starting it back up later in the year.

The Summer Reading Program this year is “It’s Showtime”. Some of the possible ideas Alicia had come up with are:

* + James Wedgewood – A Ventriloquist Act (This is booked for June 10th.)
  + Margo’s Traveling Circus
  + Susan Wilmes doing an Acting Class
  + A Kids Got Talent Party
  + Dennis Werner – Musical Instruments – i.e Guitars (The Library has had presenter in the past.)
  + 4-H Dog Show

Alicia commented that most of these would be covered by the Legacy Funds.

Alicia put together a Valentine’s Reading Bingo card for the kids. If they get a Bingo, they can come in and get a candy bar.

The Circulation report was reviewed. Circulation is down a little bit, but should pick up again with the Winter Reading Program starting.

Friends of the Library Update:

The Flyers the Friends of the Library sent out brought in approximately 20 new members and various amounts of donations. The Friends were really pleased and plan to mail the Flyers out every other year.

The Friends of the Library sponsored 2 families which consisted of 2 Adults and 6 children for Share the Spirit this Holiday Season.

The canvas and painting party has been postponed until March due to it being a very busy time of the year at LJ’s as well as the library.

Blind Date with a Book will be starting on January 14th and going through February 8th. Patrons will come and pick up a gift wrapped (Blind) book. They will then read the book and rate their Blind Date. A $40.00 gift certificate to the Lamberton Legion will be given out to one lucky patron who returns their date cards. Patrons can go on as many Blind Dates as they want.

The Friends of the Library are looking at doing a Tour of Tables again in April, along with a gardening class in May.

Claims list for Approval:

Board members reviewed the Claims List. Madonna explained why the City Council decided to reduce the Libraries Fund Balance this 2019 year. Motion to approve the Claims List by Wendy, Seconded: Catherine. It was approved.

Old Business:

The Directors Evaluation. Nothing more was discussed.

Catherine Goetstowers and Sharon Furth were asked to join the Library Board. They both accepted the position as they are at tonight’s meeting. Madonna will inform the Library Board of their Term Limits at the March Meeting

New Business:

Alicia received more information about the PCLS Governing Board. The Board meets the third Wednesday in February, April, June, September, October and the first Wednesday in December. The meetings are held at 6:30 in Slayton except for the September Meeting. The September Meeting is held wherever the Annual Meeting is held. Currently, Joyce Johnson’s (Redwood Representative) term on the PCLS Board ended on December 31st. She is eligible and possibly willing to serve another term as long as the Board Members from all Redwood County Libraries are willing to have her serve again. Jane stated that she used to be on this Governing Board and it is a great learning experience if one of our Board Members are interested. It is thought that this would be a two year term. After discussion, it was decided that at this time no one at the Lamberton Library was interested in serving on the PCLS Governing Board. Alicia will let Jim the Plum Creek Director know of our decision.

Alicia stated that the Library has 2 Graduates from the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program. It was decided to have the Pizza Party and Graduation Ceremony during Story Time

Motion to adjourn was given by Wendy, Seconded: Sharon. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 87, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tesa Jenniges, Acting Secretary