Agenda

Valley City Barnes County Public Library Board

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024, 5:30 pm

Present: Hilde van Gijssel, Annie Beauchman, Kelsey Ihry, Vicky Lovell, Anita Tulp

Members Absent: Kristi Anderson, Dewey Magnuson

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:35 by Hilde van Gijssel
- II. Additions to agenda: Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the agenda. Kelsey Ihry seconded. All in favor.

III. Minutes:

September minutes: Annie Beauchman made a motion to approve September's minutes. Vicky Lovell seconded. All in favor.

IV. Financial Report:

September FinancialsKelsey Ihry made a motion to review and approve September financials. Annie Beauchmanseconded.Roll Call:Hilde van Gijssel: YesVicky Lovell: YesKelsey Ihry: Yes

V. Director's Report:

October Director's Report

*Hilde wanted us to notice item one that states the project is done. Hilde signed off on it after the final walk-through. There was a mold problem behind bookcases that needed to be fixed. We already had money from the painting project that didn't get completed due to an illness. *The acoustics were good for the quartet that played October 5th. Thirty people came, and we made \$1,055. It was a special celebration for the library. The quartet loved playing here.

*Anita drew attention to the part about Melissa's NDLA conference and would like us to pay special attention to it and be aware of what's happening in legislature.

VI. Committee Reports:

Foundation report on fundraising

Fundraising event on Oct. 5

The radio-thon is planned for November. It will cost the Foundation \$650. There will be an open house in December. It will be a bake sale where we sell the book ends. Joe will play, and Valley Voices will sing.

VII. Old Business:

Construction update. Closed contract.

*We would still like to revisit the painting project at a later date. The Historical Society has a grant, so we put together a quote and submitted it. It's a 50/50 grant. It would still cost us \$3900, but it would be less than previously anticipated. Ryan would supervise.

*Insurance sent a letter saying they would not give us anything for the roof.

Worldwide Daffodil Project proposal

*This is a project to bring awareness to the suffering of children. We would not be an official partner and would not have to host any events or buy any more bulbs. The daffodils we'd receive would be specialized for a colder climate and come up later, probably in late April or early May. We'd receive a marker to display outside.

*A couple community members have written letters of support for this project. Madeline Luke will help with upkeep.

*Vicky Lovell made a motion to continue with the Daffodil Project and planting bulbs as long as the wording on the plaque matches the official Daffodil Project wording without "adult hatred". Annie Beauchman seconded. We would like to rephrase the wording on the plaque that we will display. All in favor.

Damage to Drop Box update

*The old box is gone, being fixed. It's completed but waiting for the paint to cure before logos go back on. Hopefully tomorrow we'll get it back. It's been completely paid for by BCN's insurance. *A brand new box would have cost around \$400 more (for just the outside) than what this one is costing to be fixed. Originally, the drop box cost us close to \$3000. Now it would have been over \$6000.

VIII. New Business:

Fire Alarm System—upgrade? Proposal from Electrowatchman and Hi-Line Electric *Our panel would have to moved so it's more convenient for the fire department if they have to come in. There's some overlap between our two proposals, so we need to figure out where that overlap is. It's not a project that needs to happen right now, but we probably should in the near future. Vicky recommended talking to the IT guy to bypass Electrowatchman and directly calling 911. What we have is currently working.

MOU with Litchville-Marion Public School District

*This has been signed, but the library hasn't received it yet. Eventually, they want to turn it into a public library, but for this year, it will remain a branch of VCBC Public Library.

Libraries are Sweet and Books are My Jam fundraising event on Dec. 7th, 2024 (11-4)—volunteers? *We need people to bake.

NDLA Update—Measure #4 impact, How to support your library during legislation

*Measure 4 will impact library funding, so we need to speak out on that. We are spokespeople for our library, and it would be nice if we speak out on this.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:40. Kelsey Ihry made a motion to adjourn. Vicky Lovell seconded.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2024, 5:30 pm