

Suring Area Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
January 28, 2020

Members Present: Township of Bagley-
Township of Breed-Marybeth Ascher, Bette Elbe
Township of How- Kate Mikle,
Township of Maple Valley-Lowell Suring, Candie Lehto
Village of Suring-Joe Wicker, Helen Miller
School Board Representative-
Director-Jill Trochta

Called to order by Vice President Marybeth Ascher with seven of eleven board members in attendance, the meeting began at 5 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lowell Suring, seconded by Helen Miller, carried. A motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting was made by Helen Miller, seconded by Joe Wicker and carried.

FRIENDS REPORT: Marybeth Asher reported that the Holiday Light-Up the Library fundraiser was successful. Recruiting new members and a Book Sale to coincide with 'Art on Exhibit' at the library are the highlights for the month of March.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Holiday Wreath Making, a Gift Making Christmas event, and after school programming helped to celebrate the season at the library during December. Extended hours at the library went into effect on January 1. The new Thursday morning hours seem especially well-liked. Upcoming monthly events at the library include an after school snack class and an adult board game day. Weeding of the Collection has begun with a new exhibit entitled "Weed or Read" where you can help the staff decide which books are still your favorites.

TEASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed petty cash reports and the revenues, expenditures, and vouchers for both December of 2019 and January of 2020. Marybeth Asher made the motion to pay the December bills, seconded by Helen Miller, and carried. Helen Miller made the motion to pay January bills, seconded by Marybeth Ascher, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS: After considerable board discussion Candie Lehto moved to discontinue the use of the People Counter at the library. The motion was seconded and carried; the annual contract fee will not be paid for the year 2020.

NEW BUSINESS: Recognize new Trustee Appointments-Kate Mikle representing the Township of How, and Candi Lehto representing the Township of Maple Valley were welcomed as new members to the Board of Trustees. The Town of Bagley still has a vacant seat. Election of Officers-A motion to nominate Bette Elbe as President was made by Lowell Suring/seconded and carried. A motion to nominate Helen Miller as Vice President was made by Bette Elbe/seconded and carried. Candie Lehto moved to cast a unanimous ballot to appoint Lowell Suring as Treasurer. Marybeth Ascher's motion to nominate Barb Truttman as Secretary was seconded and carried. Committee Appointments-It was decided to refrain from making appointments due to absenteeism of four board members.

Mary Beth to talk about Towns of Brazeau & Mountain- Marybeth reported that both Townships have shown interest in her invitation to join the Suring Area Public Library. In order to reach a conclusive decision in the year 2020 she would like to continue the process of establishing a newly formed joint library. Lowell Suring moved to elect Marybeth Asher as Coordinator. Motion seconded and carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters according to State Statue 19.85 (b) (c) (f), was made by Candie Lehto/seconded and carried. Roll Call results on this motion were Wicker-yes, Miller-yes, Mikle-yes, Ascher-yes, Elbe-yes, Lehto-yes, Suring-yes. Following discussion in closed session a motion to reconvene in open session was made by Helen Miller/seconded and carried. Roll Call results on this motion were Wicker-yes, Miller-yes, Mikle-yes, Ascher-yes, Elbe-yes, Lehto-yes, Suring-yes.

OPEN SESSION: Marybeth Ascher made a motion to give the library director a two percent increase in salary and a \$1000 bonus. The salary increase is to be effective February 1. Seconded by Helen Miller and carried; the Total Package includes a four percent WRS Benefit increase that went into effect January 1.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Helen Miller/seconded by Joe Wicker. All in favor said "Aye". Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Bette Elbe, Pro Tem
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