

SURING AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 26, 2019

Members present: Director-Jill Trochta
 Village of Suring-Joe Wicker, Helen Miller
 Town of Maple Valley-Lowell Suring, Joyce Fifield
 Town of How-Theresa Zahn, Ruben Rakow
 Town of Bagley-Joann Ratajczyk
 Town of Breed-Bette Elbe

The November 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Suring Area Public Library was called to order by Board President, Theresa Zahn, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lowell Suring, seconded by Ruben Rakow, and carried. A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made by Lowell Suring, seconded by Helen Miller, and carried.

FRIENDS REPORT: The Friends annual Appreciation Dinner was November 4, with 20 people in attendance. The Friends are planning a spring book sale and a spring rummage sale.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jill has posted the library's new 2020 hours on Facebook, posters, and the local newspapers. More graphic novels for all ages have been added to the library's collection.

In programming there will be holiday wreath making on December 5, and Christmas gift making on December 6. A local 4-H club will help with the gift making. Jill has started a new session of after school programs on Wednesdays and will go to the nursing home in December as well.

Jill also reported that a new public computer will be order in January. A new water heater needs to be purchased.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the petty cash report, revenues and expenditures, statistics, and vouchers. A motion to approve the payment of July bills was made by Helen Miller, seconded by Ruben Rakow, and carried. A motion to pay December bills after review by Bette Elbe was made by Bette Elbe, seconded by Joann Ratajczyk, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The Long Range Planning Committee meeting will be postponed until January. This gives the committee more time to think about the future of the library once the Town of Mountain (and possibly, the Town of Brazeau) join our joint library.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Term Expirations-- The terms of Theresa Zahn, Joann Ratajczyk, and Joyce Fifield are expiring at the end of 2019. They are choosing to retire. Tentative replacements are Kate Mikle (How,) Candi Lehto (Maple Valley,) and an as yet unknown trustee from Bagley.

Director's Performance Evaluations--Lowell Suring reminded Board members to complete their Director's Performance Evaluation and submit it to Lowell by December 31.

Towns of Mountain and Brazeau—The Town of Mountain has approved joining the Suring Area Public Library effective 2021. Marybeth Ascher has addressed the Town of Brazeau about joining as well and will contact them to ask for a decision. Appointments to an Ad Hoc committee to discuss changes to the joint library agreement will be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joyce Fifield, seconded by Ruben Rakow, and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Joyce Fifield, Secretary
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