

SURING AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 23, 2019

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

The September 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 August meeting was made by Marybeth Ascher, seconded by Joann Ratajczyk, and carried.

FRIENDS REPORT: Marybeth Ascher reported that the Friends have decided not to have a bake sale at the Suring High School Craft Fair like they did in the past.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jill Trochta reported that she attended the ARSL Conference on September 4-7. She exchanged ideas with librarians from small libraries across the country and took part in breakout sessions designed to help small libraries. Jill entered a drawing and won \$400 worth of large print books for kids that work especially well for children with reading disabilities.

In programming, the adult Summer Reading Program had 54 participants that read 280 books. A wrap up party with snacks and prizes was held September 23. The library will have another "Blind Date with a Book" in December.

At the Suring Back to School Night on August 28 the library had a table showcasing what the library has to offer. Seventeen new library cards were issued to students. Ten K-2 students will come to the library every Wednesday as part of the after school program. The Ag class students are caring for the library gardens.

Upcoming craft activities will be painting a bird sculpture in October and wreath making in November.

The annual Halloween party will be at Red Maple Golf Course in October. A Thrivent grant was used to purchase books to give away to children at the party.

Other ongoing programming includes Knit and Hook, Maker Mondays, and Storytime. Jill also visited the nursing home on September 14 and residents checked out ten items.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the petty cash report, revenues and expenditures, and vouchers. A motion to approve the payment of September bills was made by Joann Ratajczyk, seconded by Marybeth Ascher, and carried. A motion to transfer the library maintenance fund from money market to a savings account and the working and reserve funds from a checking account to a money market account to take advantage of interest bearing accounts was made by Marybeth Ascher, seconded by Joann Ratajczyk, and carried. The Finance Committee will work with Jill to look at long term investments.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS: Several options based on increased hours for the library director were discussed for the 2020 budget. A motion to adopt the version of the budget based on 40 hours for the library director was made by Marybeth Ascher. There was no second for this motion. A motion to adopt the version of the budget based on 35 hours for the library was made by Lowell Suring, seconded by Ruben Rakow, and carried. An Ad Hoc Hours Committee was formed to work with Jill on ideas for how to use the extra hours. The members are Barb Truttman, Theresa Zahn, and Bette Elbe with Bette acting as the chairperson.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Ruben Rakow, seconded by Marybeth Ascher, and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Joyce Fifield, Secretary
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