

BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

5:15 P.M IN PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY/ COUNCIL CHAMBERS - BELLEVUE, IOWA

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The Bellevue Public Library Board met on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 5:20 P.M. with President Krisy Dempewolf presiding.

The roll was called as follows: Present: Board members Krisy Dempewolf, Ann Bernhard Hoff, Ron Roling, Pat Connolly and Curt Zeimet. Absent: Barry Nudd and Melissa Fondell. Also present was Marian Meyer, Library Director and Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Dempewolf asked the Board for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda of May 18, 2021. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Nudd and seconded by Bernhard Hoff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

After reading the April 20, 2021, minutes President Dempewolf asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. The President asked that they be amended to address the possible cost of a library referendum. (The Director will have that information at the May meeting.) A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Bernhard Hoff and seconded by Connolly to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Approved.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Director presented the Librarian's Report for the month of April 2021. A motion to approve the report was made by Zeimet and seconded by Connolly. Approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Director presented the library bills for the month of May 2021 to the Board. A motion to approve the bills was made by Zeimet and seconded by Connolly. Approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Dempewolf reminded the Board members that there will be an election of officers in July and that as she has served several years as President, she cannot serve in that capacity again.

The Director has called the Jackson County Auditor's office and is waiting for the dollar amount to add a referendum asking the public to allow the Library Board years of service to be changed from six years to four. It was also noted that we are meeting the requirement of advertising and posting Board minutes.

The Summer Reading plans are continuing, and the official beginning is July 1st through the 31st. The children may turn in their library minutes any time during the month of July as well as the month of June. The children may start counting reading minutes the first day school is out.

There will be 3 open spots on the Board and two members will not be asking to renew their term of service. Ann Bernard Hoff would like to remain. Mayor Roger Michels will make all three appointments at the May 17th City Council meeting.

The Director will continue to bring more Library policies to the Board for their review in the coming months.

The staff is encouraged that Mike Palm, the City of Bellevue's computer technician will share his expertise with the library staff with more training of our new 3-D Printer. The Director will continue to seek input from other libraries on how they structure usage.

The library hours open on Saturday were discussed and the feasibility of reducing them. Zeimet made a motion to table this item until the October meeting when any remaining problems with the pandemic should be over. There was a second by Connolly. Approved.

A report was made from the Hiring Committee for and a recommendation was made to hire Tricia Kilburg at \$14.58 /hour which will increase to \$14.94/hour in 2021. A motion was made by Connolly to hire Tricia Kilburg and the motion was seconded by Dempewolf. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Director announced that the Bellevue Masonic Lodge awarded the library a check for \$4,000 to be used towards purchasing a new reader-printer.

The Director presented the June 2021 calendar to the Board. A motion was made by Bernard Hoff and seconded by Connolly to approve the calendar. Approved.

President Dempewolf announced the next Library Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. and will be open to attend in person in the library or council chambers (with masks and 6 ft. distance) or by teleconference (using the phone number 563-872-1010, ID of 9002 and password of 123).

ADJOURNMENT

President Dempewolf announced adjournment of the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marian L. Meyer, Library Director and Secretary