

Leach Public Library Board Monthly Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2021
4:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Rikki Townsend, Deb Loberg, Barb Mohs, Jeanette Plummer

Absent: Kelly McNary

Also Present: Melissa Bakken

President Townsend convened the meeting at 3:58 pm.

Conflicts of Interest: none declared

Additions to the agenda: none

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Jeanette offered, Deb 2nd, approved.

Friends of the Library: Met on April 21, 10 am. Chocolate Day is set to be October 14, 2021. Friends were encouraged to help with outdoor book sales during the summer. Library asked about help with a newspaper digitization project, they suggested to see if any grants would become available, as it is a very expensive project to undertake.

Physical Plant: all lights in the children's library have now been retro-fitted to accept a traditional equivalent to a 200 watt LED bulb. Lighting is very good. Comstock Construction has re-figured a bid from 2020 for the rehab of the restroom at a cost of \$17,218.00, an increase of about \$500 over 2020 bid. Gast Construction will be contacted to see if they have their bid complete. The ledge of the building has not been seen by a contractor yet, but Melissa will ask Todd Johnson about this issue again soon.

Library Operations: all reports were viewed and accepted.

Old Business: No news on State Aid application.

Copier replacement has been put on hold until ledge issue is addressed. Library will continue service contract with Liberty Business.

No further news on diagonal parking issue on 2nd Ave N.

New Business: NDSL is going to create a task force of public librarians/staff to help with disbursement of funds allocated through the American Rescue Plan Act for IMLS or the nation's libraries. Melissa has requested to be on this task force, but has not been notified of acceptance.

Replacement of the Microfilm Reader or Newspaper Digitization option-see if grants become available before moving forward.

Will the Library become "fine free"? Melissa to look at what other libraries are doing, explanation of fines over fees, replacement costs of lost items, etc.

