

## Leach Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Library Board President Barb Mohs called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

Members Present: Barb Mohs, Jeanette Plummer and Judy Oren

Members Absent: Deborah Loberg and Kelly McNary

Also Present: Melissa Bakken, Leach Library Director

Conflict of interest: none declared

The date of this meeting was rescheduled from its normal 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month to this date due to inclement weather.

As there was no January meeting held, Jeanette Plummer made the motion to accept the minutes from the December 2022 meeting. Judy Oren seconded and it passed unanimously.

Friends of the Library update: a meeting was held on February 8 at 10am. Two generous donations were accepted to be used for the newspaper digitization project. Funding from the Friends account will be used for the renovation of the teen area. Dates were set for the Blue Goose book sale at June 1, 2023 from 12-5 and Chocolate Day book sale at October 12.

Physical plant: no issues

Library Operations: December and January reports were read and reviewed. Attendance is increasing for programming.

Old Business: Melissa will check with Kyle or Dennis at city hall to see if the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N Diagonal parking installation is still an active issue or if the City did not receive the grant they had applied for.

New Business: New shelving and chairs have been received and installed in the teen area.

Libraries and Librarians in ND could be affected by two bills in this session of the ND Legislature. SB 2360 and HB 1205 could theoretically ban books that contain what is to be considered "sexually explicit" and if not removed or moved, librarians could face class B misdemeanors. Our library is asking all patrons to encourage their legislators to vote "No" on each bill. Support the freedom to read and maintain local control of the libraries.

Nicole Bigwood has asked to reduce her hours to one day per week. Melissa has posted the job opening and applications will be accepted until March 3.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next meeting of the Library Board will be March 30, 2023 at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bakken, for Deborah Loberg

