Dormann Library Board Minutes

5/16/2023

Members Present: Kathy, Tess, Dan, Sam, Lisa, Cheryl, Emily, Jonathan, Stacey, Heather, LeighAnn

Excused: Kim O.

March minutes approved 9-0

Correspondences: thank yous, email to Alisha regarding the good job she is doing.

Director’s Report:

* Members need to sign and return ethics statements
* If members haven’t participated in any sexual harassment training, it needs to be done
* Second Chance rummage sale, 7/15. Charging $10.00 per table to set up and sell. There will be a sale table and a bake sale table sponsored by the library if you care to donate to either.
* The library will be closed through fair week (8/14-8/20) so things can be brought up to date. Unanimously approved.
* Concerned about budget vote because of the village assessment issue. Please encourage everyone to vote. If budget gets voted down, there will be no monetary increases. The public needs to be aware of what happens with a no vote. Public meeting to discuss vote will be held at 6:00 on June 8th, please attend this meeting. Actual vote is on 6/13 from noon to 8.
* Outdoor space is not funded by tax payer monies, it is all grant funded.
* We need to publically celebrate the amount of grant monies the library has been rewarded.
* Discussion on the mowing and trimming of the library grounds. Do we do our own (Cheryl donated a riding lawn mower) or hire it done? Sara is in charge of volunteers, does she find mowers? Kim O. was going to look into having students do it for their community service hours. Jonathan thinks his father-in-law might do it. Approval given to purchase a field trimmer weed whacker. Will leave it up to LeighAnn to hire it done if it isn’t working out with volunteers.

Finances:

Kelly Fitzpatrick no longer doing reviews of finances, minutes, etc.

Possible choices to do the reviews – Jason Mayausky, CPA or EFPR, Cunningham & Stauring. Will need to check costs.

First Empire pass given out was never returned.

1St Amendment Audit - will be reviewed by Lisa and LeighAnn. The audit regards people videotaping people in public trying to get the persons taped riled and have a confrontation. The confrontation is then uploaded to YouTube. Staff needs to be polite and disengage the videographer.

Will revisit the strategic plan next month.

Executive Session: discussion of personnel

Committee reports:

* Budget: looks good, much better shape than we were at this time last year
* Personnel: policy needs to add 1st Amendment policy
* Public Relations: Any specific needs for the rummage sale day?
* Life Long Learning: will discuss next month
* Building and Grounds: Building assessment needs to be done so needs can be realized. Jonathan will do assessment.

Old Business: none

New Business:

* Staff expression: the public needs to know what’s going on at the library, lots of positives.
* Signage update for the outdoor space
* June is Pride Month: could have potential issues with specific books the library offers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen C. Partridge