

Library Board Minutes  
February 14, 2022, 4:00 pm  
Blue Earth Community Library and Fossil Discovery Center

**I. Call to Order**

President Hunt called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm  
Present: Hunt, Cole, Orvedal, Dikken, Moen  
Absent: Hanson, Holmseth  
Staff Present: Gaydon, Kennedy

**II. Introductions New Library Board Member Andy Moen**

President Hunt introduced Moen to the board members. Gaydon shared that Moen served on the Faribault County library board for nine years and would bring a great level of insight to the board. Hunt explained that Moen would be formally appointed to the Library Board at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting.

**III. Approve Minutes (Jan)**

*Motion by Cole second by Dikken to approve the minutes from January 10, 2022.  
Motion passed unanimously.*

**IV. Approve Bills**

Gaydon explained that Roof Repairs is listed several times on the bill sheet because she took payment from different line items per the budget. Cole inquired whether the project was complete. Gaydon indicated she believed it is.

**V. Director's Report**

Gaydon shared the Blue Earth Area Reads 2022 selection, *The Woman They Could Not Silence*, by Kate Moore. The library will host a zoom meeting with the author on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The library has 20 copies of the book, along with one audio and copies are available electronically.

Gaydon reported that the Friends of the Library will participate in the City Wide Garage Sales again with their book sale in April.

Gaydon shared that the Nelson Family has been selected for the Wyoming summer dig.

Included in the Director's Report was the monthly statistics. Specifically mentioned was the high wifi usage.

**VI. Friends of the Library (FOL) Update**

A written update was provided by Lil Robinson, Friends of the Library President.

Noted in the updated was the Library Exterior Wall project with the selection of four authors including William Kent Kruger, Dr. Suess (Theodore Geisel), Mark Twain,

and Laura Ingalls Wilder. Gaydon mentioned she has been having trouble obtaining a free image of Mark Twain but will continue working on that.

The Valentine's Tea was held but attendance appeared to be less than years prior.

**VII. Old Business**

President Hunt provided an update on the status of fundraising Pollard has been working on. The fundraising goal is \$40,000. Hunt will be attending the Blue Earth Community Foundation meeting this month to request funding. Pollard and Hunt are currently working with the City to finalize an agreement for items on loan. The Pollard family will be painting the east interior library wall a beige color which will match the matrix and fossils.

Gaydon noted that the Library is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce this summer to offer outdoor movies following the "Book to Screen" theme.

**VIII. New Business**

President Hunt reported that he and Gaydon would be attending the City Council Worksession on March 7<sup>th</sup> to present the Library Annual Report.

Hunt reminded the board that it was time for Gaydon's Annual Performance Review and asked how the board would like to handle that. It was agreed that Hunt would send out a performance form to all board members and he would compile the data and an Executive Committee comprised of the Board Officers would present the Review to Gaydon prior to the Annual Report presentation to Council.

Gaydon reported that the copier lease will need to be renewed in July.

Hunt noted that the board will need to consider the parking lot landscaping project in the near future and bring back the plans.

**IX. Other**

Cole inquired if anyone was aware of a school library explosion that took place last month in South Dakota. Cole suggested that if Gaydon had any extra children's books they could be sent to Miller, SD as they were requesting books. The board shared additional ideas such as contacting publishers, and sharing points with teachers to purchase new books.

**X. Adjourn**

*Motion by Moen, second by Orvedal to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 pm.*