

Library Board Minutes

May 9, 2022

Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order at 4:00. The meeting was closed by a Moen/Cole motion to discuss a personnel issue. After discussion, the meeting was called back to regular session by a Cole/Dikken motion.

A motion was made by Moen to release Eva Gaydon as the library manager (by resignation if received within 24 hours) and 2 week notice. This is based on the recommendation from the Blue Earth City Council personnel committee and current concerns of money management given to the board from the Blue Earth city administrator. Seconded by Cole. Roll call vote: Cole, Moen, Orvedal, Dikken, Holmseth - yes; Hanson, Hunt - no. Motion passed 5-2.

Minutes for the April 11 and May 6, 2022 meetings were approved by a Orvedal/Moen motion.

Friends of the Library Update - There will need to be a protocol set up for designating book sales to align with regulations. Approximately 100 people attended the wine walk. However, there will need to be changes next year as city property cannot be used for this event. The book sale raised \$1,531.

Director's report - Headstart and K-5 will be having field trips to the library in May. The library is gearing up for the summer reading program.

Fossil Discovery Center update - Jim Pollard has purchased 2 new display cabinets. There is currently \$21,702 raised with 2 additional pledges of \$5,000 each.

Old Business:

Outdoor plantings - Cindy has been in contact with Jamie Holland and they are reluctant to use mulch or rock. The city will mow grass for now until plantings are decided.

Copier Lease - Eva is still waiting for a quote from Coxworth. Culligan's quote is approx \$2,600. A motion was made by Moen/Hanson to purchase a water bottle-filler fountain as soon as possible at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 including installation. Approved.

New Business:

Chairman Hunt will meet with Mary Kennedy to move ahead with hiring a new library manager. Moen suggested we look at the job description to see if it needs to be updated.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 on a Hanson/Moen motion. Approved.

Submitted by Dar Holmseth