

Blue Earth Library Board Minutes
June 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm. Members present: Chuck Hunt, Jacqui Dikken, Judy Orvedahl, Sandy Hanson, Wendy Cole, Dar Holmseth; guest Jim Pollard and city adm Mary Kennedy.

A motion by Dikken/Orvedahl to approve the agenda. Minutes were approved by a Hanson/Dikken motion and bills were approved with a Holmseth/Orvedahl motion.

Jim Pollard updated the board on the new exhibits. He said that when the pteranodon exhibit arrives, the shelving will need to be cut down to accommodate and protect the exhibit. Jim also talked about the library possibly purchasing a microscope (approximate cost \$5,000) that would provide an opportunity for patrons to use for all types of discovery. He showed examples of bugs encased in resin.

Chair Hunt gave an update on the new director search. Advertisements were placed in Mankato, Albert Lea, Fairmont and the Faribault Co Register newspapers. One application has been received. Application deadline is July 1. It was decided to not pursue filling with an interim as the current staff has been doing a great job of filling in. Board members will score the applications received to select top 3 candidates to interview.

Randall Anderson (FCHS) addressed the board regarding a number of items. He highlighted the Brown County exhibit that was carved by a Blue Earth resident that is now on display at the library. He also addressed a number of items for possible storage/display at the library including Kiester/Bricelyn newspapers, Blue Earth school composite pictures, etc. He also discussed the photocopying he has been doing at the library. He gave a hand out of what he estimated costs were.

Chair Hunt then asked the board about setting up a delivery schedule for Bricelyn & Kiester sites. Judy Orvedahl graciously volunteered to do the Tuesday drop offs when needed and others offered to fill in if she is unavailable. Mary Kennedy will contact TdS to look into the computer that is not working. She will also contact Jamie Holland to pursue replacing the water fountain.

It appears the copier lease is up for renewal in July.

Other business - the library staff has been concerned with Jim Pollard moving displays around and has reported such to Chuck and Mary. Chuck will address the concern with Jim.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Dar Holmseth