

Blue Earth Community Library Board  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 9 at 4:00pm in the library

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Chair Chuck Hunt. Present: Jacque Drew, Melanie Humburg, Mary Kennedy, Andrew Moen, Chuck Hunt, Sandy Hanson and Heidi Schutt. Introductions were made and new members Humburg and Drew were welcomed.

The agenda was approved on a Moen/Drew motion; minutes approved on a Hanson/Hunt motion; bills approved on a Moen/Drew motion. Election of officers took place. Moen made a motion to keep officers the same as last year due to turnover in some other board members. Chair - Chuck Hunt, Vice Chair - Sandy Hanson, Secretary - Dar Holmseth. Hanson seconded the motion. Passed.

Director's report: Heidi reviewed the statistics from December 2022 and shared a copy of the 2023 budget. Mary and Heidi answered library board members' questions about the budget and budget-making process. Heidi updated the board on the County Library Board. The County Commissioners passed a resolution to dissolve the county library board. The winter/spring program schedule was shared. It is in the community ed booklet, calendars available on the library's webpage, Facebook events and newspaper ads. Heidi also gave an update that she's working on getting last year's Faribault County Registers bound - she will work with Chuck to make sure we have all of the 2022 issues.

Update on library operations: March is when the new system will be in place for check out. Training begins this week for staff. Staff started inventorying the children's area and can continue to work until mid-February per TdS staff. Staff area clean-up is on-going.

Our donation policy will remain as is until further notice. All policies will be revised and this will be included in that. This was passed on a Moen/Humburg motion. Heidi recommended to not provide access to Ancestry Library Edition based on lack of interest from patrons and cost.

Chuck gave an update on the latest Faribault County Historical Society microfilm project for 2023. Chuck gave an update on the Fossil Discovery Center - the gate has arrived. The library board agreed it should be installed so the fencing project is complete.

On a Drew/Moen motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.