

Larsen-Sant Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, Nov 13th, 2023 1:00 pm

Roll Call: Laura Wheatley, Teresa Rasmussen, Max Excell, Giselle Fitzgerald, Richard Stuart

Public Comments: No public attendees

Action Items: Approve Minutes: Giselle moved that the minutes be approved, Richard seconded the motion, all approved.

Approve bills: Max moved that the bills be approved, Richard seconded the motion, all approved.

Trustees: Comments-

Volunteer hours Max-8 Richard-5 Giselle-4.5

Treasurer: Finances-

Sept. DBF - \$912,526.47 LGIP-\$4981.39

Oct. DBF -\$915,308.14 LGIP-\$4990.40

There was a discussion about the interest rate being higher in the LGIP at this point. Richard motioned that we moved \$500,000 from the DBF to the LGIP account to receive the higher interest rate, Max seconded the motion, all approved. Giselle will monitor the interest rates in the future months for any changes that may need to happen.

Librarian: Approved Employee pay-Richard moved that we approve retroactively from Oct. 1st, that a 5% salary increase be given to the library staff for the fiscal year of 23-24, health benefit remains the same, Giselle seconded the motion, all approved.

Holiday Luncheon- The holiday luncheon will be held on Dec. 18. Max moved that the library not open until 1:00 that day and a staff meeting will be held before the luncheon. Richard seconded the motion, all approved. The staff will take care of the luncheon by getting

rolls and chicken from the Senior Center, baking potatoes, getting salad and dressing. Wendi will do the dessert.

Giselle moved that a \$50 Christmas bonus be approved for all staff members, Max seconded the motion, all approved.

Assistant Report: Cookie and a Book- A discussion was held about the Cookie and a Book event that was held last month. Teresa was unable to attend due to sickness. There was a total of 1100 attendees and books and cookies given out. The weather cooperated and the event took place on the library front lawn. Connor took charge and the event was a great success with all of the help from the friends, school staff, library staff, and board. Laura invited our current legislators to attend our event to show them the support of our community for libraries. Senator Guthrie and Representative Garner attended the event. They visited with the board members and patrons. Laura took them for a tour of our library and answered questions. They said that the library issues along with book banning will be brought up in this coming legislative session again, and asked if we had a solution and what we could do to appease the legislators on this issue. They also asked if we would be willing to do restricted cards for children. Laura assured them we would be willing to do that. Shelley and Connor also came up with a solution of rating the books in the Young Adult section and maybe moving some books to the adult section.

Santa/North Pole-The Key Club will be coming on the 29th of December to set up the North Pole in the Childrens section and Santa Letters will be set up for them to write to Santa and they will write back from Santa. Santa will be coming to the library on Dec. 2nd and books will be given away.

Expansion: The committee is on hold until January

Policy Committee Meeting- Will be canceled this month

Adjourn: Richard moved that we adjourn, Giselle seconded the motion, all approved at 1:57.