

Hazel Mackin Community Library
Board Meeting Minutes for March 2023
March 28, 2023 4:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Haugen at 4:30pm

Roll call, confirmation of quorum, and introduction of guests

Board members: Donna Haugen (President, present), Mike Odden (Treasurer, present), Jon Weiss (Secretary, present), Hannah Deck (present), Katy Kapaun (present). Also present were Director Tori Schoess, Nic Been (guest), and Peter Tharp (visitor).

Mike moved (Donna 2nd) to approve the agenda; approved.

Public comments were called for; there were none.

Motion by Katy (Mike 2nd) to approve minutes from the February meeting; approved.

Motion by Donna (Katy 2nd) to approve and pay the bills from the previous month; approved.

Motion by Katy (Donna 2nd) to table this month's treasurer's report; approved.

Director Schoess presented her monthly report of library updates and program highlights. This year's summer reading's theme is "All Together Now." The St. Croix County Library presentation went, copies are available. Unfortunately, there are an increasing number of magazines going out of print. The library's approximate 50 subscriptions are down from the previous 60 titles. Lastly, there is a SCC high school student coming to the library over the next couple of months to expand her shelving skills. She's interested in learning how the public library system works.

Programming highlights include upcoming events like National Library Week and the "Explore MORE Passport Program." National Library Week will take place from April 23rd - 29th. A few events include a book painting class (scheduled for April 22nd), and the book sale will run from April 27th - 29th. Book donations will begin on April 24th. Throughout National Library Week, there is going to be a new reader's advisory service where patrons can complete a form explaining their reading preferences. This will result in a personalized list of curated books. MORE is hosting the "Explore MORE Passport Program" again from April 24th to July 15th. The goal is to encourage patrons to visit other member libraries while using services. Last year, this program went well and there is excitement for it again this year. This year's program includes mapping out local fabric shops, golf courses, and historical museums with the goal of encouraging participants to see what other municipalities have to offer. Lastly, in previous highlights, there was a great turnout at the open house for Youth Art Month with 40 people attending.

Director Schoess provided an HVAC update. There appears to be an additional set of wells on the south side of the library property that is connected to the HVAC lines within the library's maintenance room. There is optimism that the wells could be isolated and pressure tested. If successful, these wells could be utilized to cool the building. The next step is to schedule someone to pressure test the wells.

The library board vacancies will be voted on at the next Village meeting. Nic Been has volunteered to serve as the school district's representative on the Library board.

Library Fines were discussed. Director Schoess highlighted necessary information, future considerations and possible actions. Roberts is 1 of 5 libraries that still charge fines within the IFLS (52 member libraries). The issue is related to consistency within the member libraries. Some patrons have become frustrated with fines being issued at Roberts but not nearby libraries. In terms of considerations, nationally the trend is that many libraries are moving toward being a fine free library. If approved, Roberts would drop fines on books but keep fines for equipment (video games, hotspots and Lucky Day items).

Motion by Mike to drop fines on books but keep for equipment. (Katy 2nd); approved.

Motion by Mike (Katy 2nd) to adjourn the meeting; approved, adjourned at 5:02 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jon Weiss, Secretary