

DULUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 24, 2019

Call to Order: President Rosendahl called the meeting of the Duluth Library Board to order at 4:35 on September 24, 2019.

Introductions were made.

Public comments (3 minutes per person): None.

Members Present: Matt Rosendahl, Lizzy Luoma, Michelle Foshay, Stephen Welsh, Neil Glazman, Betty Ramsland, David Sperl, Sue Henke

Also Present: Carla Powers, Debbi Rasmussen (League of Women Voters), John Ramos (Duluth Monitor), Jim Filby Williams

Absent: None

Review and approve agenda:

Motion by Sperl, seconded by Ramsland to approve agenda as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and approve minutes from August 27:

Motion by Glazman, seconded by Sperl to approve as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Friends of the Library Report

Written report was reviewed.

Library Manager's Report

Written report was reviewed.

Duluth Library Foundation Report

Rosendahl recapped the Foundation's Learning and Libations at the Library event that took place last weekend. The Foundation outgrew the space they had been using for this event and so they set up tents along Superior Street. Former Mayor Don Ness talked about the importance of the library. The Foundation showed a video that is available on social media. Carla talked about staff support for the library's work. Fundraising opportunities were presented to donors. Fundraising totals will be reported at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Gathering of Associated Library Advocates October 1, 2019 at Mount Royal.

Board presidents will present overview of what each board does, information will be shared about the early literacy initiative, and there is an optional dinner and conversation afterwards at Bulldog.

New Business:

City boards & Commissions Initiative

Powers outlined a new city-wide initiative to improve citizen access to and information about boards and commissions. In the future, applications for boards and commissions will be accepted only when there is a vacancy. There will be one application for each board. If applicants are interested in serving on more than one board they will need to fill out separate applications. Recordkeeping for all boards will be done on the Granicus software system used for City Council proceedings. Keeping all agendas and minutes in one place makes it easier for citizens to access them. The City Clerk has offered a training for the board on the Open Meeting Law. Board members agreed training and awareness would be helpful.

2020 fee schedule

Motion by Sperl, seconded by Glazman, to approve fee schedule as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Ongoing Business

Library advocacy: Gathering of Advocates next week at Mount Royal. Budget presentation to City council is November 12 at 5:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Next regular meeting: Tuesday October 22, 2019 at 4:30 in the Main Library Conference Room.