

Library board meeting Nov. 22, 2022 6:00 pm minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Vince Neal, President

In attendance were Colleen Denne, Staci King, Vince Neal, Sean McPherson, Jean Dexheimer

Minutes from the October meeting were handed out and read. Sean made a motion to accept them and this was seconded by Staci. All were in favor.

Director's report- Library statistics were handed out and gone over for the month of October

Library board member discussion-

Library board- current members and wards

Jean- Ward 2

Vince- Ward 2

Staci- Ward 3

Sean- Ward 1

Interest from Jordan Feagley- Ward 1

The board unanimously was in favor of inviting Jordan to our next meeting. Colleen will invite him and he can say why he is interested and the board can decide if they would like to recommend him as our newest member to council for a vote. If Jordan is approved, we will still need another board member from Ward 3- need to keep in mind that our board should be diverse. I do know a woman who is a librarian who lives in the 3rd ward. Her name is Staci Ross. I would like to reach out to her to ask her if she has any interest. Is everyone ok with that? Everyone said they were in favor of me reaching out to her which I will do.

The library by laws state that we are to have a nomination for President and Vice President at the November meeting and vote on the offices at the December meeting. This did not happen last year. I remember Joel telling me that historically the December meetings were cancelled and we did not have one. So, I think we need to do the nominations today and if we are going to not have December meetings the by laws would need to be changed. I am not sure what the process is to do that, but since it says the vote happens in December then we should either have a meeting in December for the vote or change the by laws to say there is no meeting in December. It was decided that we would have a meeting in December, on Dec. 20 at 5:15 so that we would be finished early for anyone with holiday plans. The board also decided to move the vice president to president each year and then only take nominations for vice president yearly, keeping in mind that the vice president would become president the following year.

I submitted my proposed budget to the finance department. The library will be receiving an increase in funds from the state and from RAD next year. I included salary increase requests for the Director and for the Children's library manager. I also requested we fill a position that was in the budget but not funded last year. I am unable to request salary increases for any other staff because that is done in the union contract negotiations. There was a little discussion about salaries and the board thought the increases were justified and needed.

Staci made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm. This was seconded by Jean. All were in favor

The next meeting will be Dec. 20 at 5:15 pm