

SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Thursday February 18, 2021

Online Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Joyce Bailey called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Salmonson, Lauren Spranger, Charles MacLean, Jill Kuftrin, Joyce Bailey, Commissioner Weckman Brekke

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Grussing, Cindy Purser, Kristy Rieger, Sarah Geffre, Lori Weldon

There was no public comment.

- ❖ Consent Agenda
 - Minutes – January 2021
 - Activity Report –None
 - Financial Report – January 2021
 - Acceptance of written reports

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KUFRIN AND SECONDED BY MACLEAN to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

❖ **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

LIBRARY ADVOCACY WEEK (Minnesota Library Association (MLA))

Library Advocacy Week, a week-long virtual stand-in for the annual statewide library advocacy event at the Capitol, is scheduled for February 22-26. Prior to the meeting, the MLA Legislative Priorities were sent out for review to the library advisory board members. The priorities listed are MLA's priorities and not necessarily Scott County's. The big item on the legislative platform is Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS). Jake presented a brief overview of RLBSS and the proposed formula change.

Jake will reach out to each of the legislatures that represent Scott County via email to give a brief overview of what Scott County Library has done over the last year and request a virtual meeting (5-15 min). If he is able to schedule visits, Jill, Chuck, and Lauren indicated they would be interested in joining Jake for those visits with representatives from their respective districts. Jake will update the group as he has more information over the next few days.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

Scott County applied for a state grant for Family Resource Center service model that was not awarded, but a private foundation is considering our application for one of their awards. It is unknown at this time how long it will take to hear back about the private foundation grant. External funding would allow the program to hire staff to help with coordination and expand the program in a way that would be really beneficial, but the county and project team are dedicated to bringing some version of this project to fruition.

Family Resource Centers bring existing services (non-profit, faith based, government, etc.) across the community together in a single space to serve residents. This will start at the Shakopee Library with many community partners. Jake recently attended the first kick off meeting for the committee and will have more updates as project planning gets more underway.

❖ **ORAL REPORTS**

SALMONSON: Michelle has enjoyed seeing many DVDs on the shelves when she goes into the library.

BAILEY: Joyce reached out to Belle Plaine Friends of the Library and was told that a large part of their fundraising is done through pull tabs and electronic gambling and they are doing well at this time.

SPRANGER: Lauren has seen information about the Libby transition on her curbside bookmarks. She is looking forward to completing her recently received library art project at home

KUFRIN: Jill talked with Amy, Branch Manager at Prior Lake, who reports that more people are coming into the library. Staff have been putting up nice displays (Black History Month, Early Literacy, etc.). The Winter Reads program is going well. Jill is playing with Libby and enjoys it.

MACLEAN: No update

COMMISSIONER WECKMAN BREKKE: Commissioner Weckman Brekke has played with the Libby app and found it easy to use.

County staff are working hard on getting vaccines administered. Information for upcoming clinics are posted to the county's website each Friday when the county is told how many doses will be received for the following week.

DIRECTOR: No update outside the written report

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR: Cloud Library app will sunset end of day 2/21. There will be a couple day delay for our items to move from Cloud Library to Libby, but there are materials in Libby that can be checked out now.

LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY MANAGER: Kristy has been working with Cindy on the Libby transition. The Library Job Seeker Tech Packs have launched since the last meeting. Kristy has been assisting Public Health with their communication efforts for vaccinations.

LEARNING AND OUTREACH MANAGER: Not present

LIBRARIAN—LORI WELDON: New Prague and Elko New Market have been staying busy. Scott County HHS staff Supervised Family Visits have been occurring in the Elko New Market meeting room. Staff have been helping customers transition to Libby.

MOTION BY SALMONSON AND SECONDED BY SPRANGER to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Joyce Bailey, President

Sarah Geffre for
Jill Kufirin, Secretary

The next library board meeting is March 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Skype.