

SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2021

Thursday April 15, 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, Brittany Brown

There was no public comment.

- ❖ Consent Agenda
 - Minutes – February and March 2021
 - Activity Report –None
 - Financial Report – February and March 2021; December 2020 final close
 - Acceptance of written reports

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

MOTION CARRIED

❖ **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

RECONSIDERING LIBRARY MATERIALS

The current process for reconsideration of library materials is as follows. A customer makes a formal objection to materials they find in the collection and complete a “Request for Reconsideration” form. Admin staff (Jake + appropriate selector of material area) reviews the request. The Directors Team (Jake Grussing, Cindy Purser, Kristy Rieger, Lisa Pollard, Sarah Geffre and Sarah Ethier) discusses the request and makes a recommendation to the library board with the request for reconsideration.

Dr. Seuss Enterprises decided to stop publishing six titles going forward. The board discussed and is supportive of the titles remaining in the collection in line with the Library Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read/View.

A revised Selection Policy will be brought to the board later this year for discussion and approval (current policy is 2007). Until the revised Selection Policy is in place, Jake proposed having an informal process that if publishers or authors make decisions to discontinue publishing materials that Scott County Library owns, selection staff and the Directors Team will review the materials. If they decide to keep the items, the library board should be informed, but no action is needed. If they decide to remove the items, the proposal should come to the library board for a vote.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MACLEAN AND SECONDED BY BAILEY to approve the proposed informal process until the revised Selection Policy is in place.

MOTION CARRIED

❖ ORAL REPORTS

SALMONSON: Michelle asked if books are made into movies, does the library try to have the books available for check out? Cindy says yes, selectors do their best to try and ensure we have or purchase copies.

Michelle asked that if there is a series, does the library try to ensure they own book one in some format? Cindy says that selectors try to track and repurchase as necessary, but it isn't an exact science—especially for older series. Some older titles are no longer published, but sometimes it is possible to obtain via ILL or eBooks.

BAILEY: Joyce reports that things are going well, and she was pleased to learn that Lori and her staff have been helping across multiple libraries in Scott County.

SPRANGER: Lauren picked up a Daniel Tiger packet and is eager to work on that with her children. Lauren asked if staff are working towards future planning for library services such as meeting rooms, expanded hours, future of curbside, etc. Jake says that staff have been busy working on plans but are waiting for feedback from the county Strategy Team and Public Health before proceeding.

KUFRIN: Jill has appreciated the newsletters.

MACLEAN: Chuck checked in with Lori who reported that things are going well in Elko New Market. Chuck downloaded Libby and is impressed with it.

COMMISSIONER WECKMAN BREKKE: COVID vaccine clinics continue. Anyone can sign up either online or via phone to schedule an appointment. Government Center West moves have occurred allowing Government Center East to be reconstructed and updated. Customer Service is still appointment only, but they are looking to having some open walk-in times available.

DIRECTOR: Perry Mulcrone (Business Communications Program Manager) and Claire Robling (Communications and Legislative Coordinator) carried the library advocacy forward with legislators during Library Advocacy Week.

Jake participated in conducting interviews for a coordinator for the Family Resource Center. The team is hoping to have programming offered by mid-summer. Once there are more specific details available, Jake will share with the library board.

If conditions and Public Health guidance permit us to move Extended Access forward, we would like to. The hardware installations are complete.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR: The migration from Cloud Library to Libby is complete. Since the migration, 32,000 items have checked out. Anoka County Library and Carver County Library will be migrating soon resulting in a larger MELSA collection available to customers.

LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY MANAGER: Kristy continues to assist Public Health with marketing and working clinics. The Tech Packs are going well.

LEARNING AND OUTREACH MANAGER: Jake and Lisa met with the Strategy Team to discuss summer programming. The Strategy Team approved a very limited model, and every program will follow COVID safety guidelines.

The Readmobile will be back visiting neighborhoods. Visitors will pick up materials off of tables outside of the vehicle.

The Library is partnering with Three Rivers Parks (The Landing, Cleary Lake and Cedar Lake Farm) to offer outdoor programs in the picnic shelters. The plan is to offer on average one program per month per branch.

There will be low touch walk through programs offered in library meeting rooms. The goal is to average one program per branch per month.

There will also be activity kits that can be picked up in the library (unable to mail due to postage costs) and videos available as well.

LIBRARIAN—BRITTANY BROWN: Britt started managing the Shakopee Library in January in addition to the Belle Plaine and Jordan libraries. Several staffing changes have occurred including Casey Liebhard promoted from 20 hours a week to the 40 hour a week vacancy, Erica Tikalsky promoted from 15 hours a week to the vacant 20 hour week position from Casey and the hiring of Amanda Thornton to fill Erica's vacant 15 hour week position.

Britt has been doing virtual school visits for the Belle Plaine, Jordan and Shakopee Libraries. Britt and staff continue to provide library services as efficiently and safely as possible during this time.

The Shakopee Friends of the Library have been putting out free books for customers to take. Customers have provided positive feedback.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Joyce Bailey, President

Sarah Geffre for
Jill Kufirin, Secretary

The next library board meeting is May 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.