

The Geraldine E. Anderson Village Library Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting Monday, October 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Roll Call was taken by Sam Malm. Members present: Sam Malm, Laura Rochford, Cathy Frandsen, Erin Larson, and Elina Kuusisto. Also present: Leann French, Library Director. Announcement of Quorum was made by Sam Malm and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**MSC** [Rochford, Frandsen] to approve the agenda of October 9, 2023, with one correction (Minutes: change August meeting minutes to September meeting minutes).

**MSC** [Frandsen, Kuusisto] to dispense with the reading of the September 11, 2023 minutes.

**MSC** [Larson, Frandsen] to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes.

### **Public Comment**

none

### **Actions & Reports**

#### **Finance**

**MSC** [Kuusisto, Rochford] to approve the Financial Report as presented October 9, 2023.

**MSC** [Malm, Frandsen] to approve payment of the vouchers presented October 9, 2023.

#### **Old Business**

The hours and pay for the month were discussed; no action taken.

#### **New Business**

##### **Director's Report**

The Open Knitting group continues to meet every Tuesday. Littles Storytime continues to be held Mondays at 10:30 with variable attendance. Total circulation in September was 885, with 409 visits to the library, 3 new patrons, and 49 new items added to the collection. Leann met with the Village of Dresser Finance Committee to discuss the 2024 budget. They agreed to request an additional \$5,000 for the library and an additional \$3,000 for building maintenance for 2024. All increases are subject to finalization by the Board. Leann is looking into applying for an AARP grant for door openers for the library and other Village buildings. Leann attended in person and online continuing education classes in September. Leann also met with IFLS to get additional training on Sierra's acquisitions model. An educational program on "The Birds of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway" with Robin Maercklein is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The author visit the Library is co-sponsoring at the SCFPL is November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The picture book collection is being reorganized into less categories. The electrician came today to look around and start work on an estimate for building electrical upgrades. Leann is on call for jury duty all of October; Linda and Colleen will be available to sub if necessary. Weekly Osceola Sun columns and Polk County library directors Zoom meetings are continuing.

**MSC** [Malm, Frandsen] although they are part-time, all Library employees will be granted jury duty leave and pay as stated on page 24 of the Village of Dresser 2021 Employee Handbook.

##### **President's Update**

None

**MSC** [Larson, Kuusisto] to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Announcement to adjourn: Sam Malm, President.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Rochford

Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Geraldine E. Anderson Village Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for November 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm.