The Geraldine E. Anderson Village Library Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting Monday, November 13, 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 [Larson, Kuusisto] to approve the agenda of November 13, 2023.MSC [Frandsen, Rochford] to dispense with the reading of the October 9, 2023 minutes.MSC [Malm, Frandsen] to approve the October 9, 2023 minutes.

Public Comment

none

Actions & Reports

Finance

MSC [Malm, Rochford] to approve the Financial Report as presented November 13, 2023. **MSC** [Rochford, Frandsen] to approve payment of the vouchers presented November 13, 2023.

Old Business

MSC [Frandsen, Larson] to pay all library staff their regularly scheduled hours November 23, November 24, and November 25, 2023, while the library is closed.

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 no attendance in October. Plans are being finalized for hosting Storytime once a month on Saturday instead of every Monday. Total circulation in October was 877, with 437 visits to the library, 2 new patrons, and 76 new items added to the collection. The educational program "Birds of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway" was a success, as was the program co-sponsored with the SCFPL with author Gail Shore. The reorganization of the picture books is almost complete. The estimate from Andrie Electric has been received. The Village of Dresser has added \$4,000 to the building budget for 2024 (\$3,000 for 2024 and \$1,000 from 2023) for the electrical upgrades. A Focus on Energy rebate might be acquired to help offset some costs. All Village funding is still contingent on the public meeting that will be held November 27th. Weekly Osceola Sun columns and Polk County library directors Zoom meetings are continuing.

MSC [Malm, Kuusisto] to approve \$175 holiday bonus for each library staff member or to approve matching the Village of Dresser per employee holiday bonus (whichever is more).

MSC [Malm, Frandsen] to approve Director pay at \$22.50/hour for 28 hours/week for Leann; assistant pay at \$15.50/hour for 10.5 hours/week for Linda and \$15.50/hour for 15.5 hours/week for Jim; and substitute assistant pay at \$14/hour for a minimum of 1.5 hours/week and as needed.

President's Update

None

MSC [Rochford, Frandsen] to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 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 December 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm.