

FRIENDS OF BUCKHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, INC.



Eleven Division Street East
Faribault, Minnesota 55021

MINUTES

President Kathy Sandberg called to order the quarterly meeting of the Friends of Buckham Memorial Library at Buckham West at 6:04 p.m. on July 18, 2019.

She introduced guests Delane James, Library Director and Student Mya who is considering joining our Board, recruited by Mary Kubes. She was in attendance, along with other Board Members and Officers Stephanie Tywater-Christiansen, Micki O'Flynn, Sue LeMieux, Bethany Schweisthal, Pat Raftery, Gloria Olson, Debbie Carter-Barth and Greg Thibodeau.

Debbie moved, Micki seconding, that the Agenda, and the Minutes from the last meeting, be approved as submitted. The Motion carried.

Greg then presented the financial report noting checking and investment balances.

Next Bethany did a great job reviewing the final draft of our Revised By-Laws, which were accepted by unanimous vote.

Whereupon Delane updated us on the Patio Project we want to correlate with the City's plan for the area surrounding the Library. The City urged Perkins & Will, the planning architects for the overall project to work with our portion. We can hire them for the structure and a couple concept proposals. The first part of the plan would entail eliciting community engagement for extending Library services to the outdoors while redoing our North steps area and parking, the latter being the City's primary concern. Perkins & Will's initial charge is estimated at \$15,000.00. Discussion ensued, reviewing the long history of this project (Gloria); the group wants something notable beyond benches and Wi-Fi. Pat then moved, Micki seconding, that we engage Perkins & Will so we will have something in writing to consider. The Motion carried. Half the Board then volunteered for a work group for the project's first

phase, already choosing proposed dates to meet with Perkins & Will. Bethany will shepherd the group, including Mya, Mary, Pat, Micki, Debbie and Stephanie, with Delane to liaise.

Delane's report continued: 2700 people went through the Green Card Voices display we sponsored. She also showed us a display of benches representing numerous local landmarks, including the Library. They should last for 25 years outdoors. Sue moved, Bethany seconding, to purchase our bench for life for \$3,000.00, which will include a 4 x 6 Friends plaque on the bench. The Motion carried.

Delane recapped some research she and Deni did, visiting the St. Paul Library which has chosen to forgive fines to promote access to libraries. An ideal first step is to eliminate fines for children's materials. Buckham is owed over \$45,000.00 in fines. Debbie reported that the Mesa, Arizona Library allows patrons to read in the library for fine credit. Fine forgiveness was then tabled until our next meeting, as was the investment directives policy, which Greg, Micki, and Kathy will work on before the next meeting.

In other business, Kathy will look into activities for Friends of the Library Week in October.

Debbie told of a quarterly reading group that Lakeville Library has, where they have the author come to their report meeting. She will pursue their nuts and bolts.

Another popular idea came from Micki, suggesting we could coach local people to tell their own stories, ala the Moth radio hour, perhaps videotaped for FCTV. She will continue to explore the idea.

Motion to adjourn was approved at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Thibodeau
Secretary-Treasurer