

Northwest Regional Library Minutes
October 18, 2018

Present: Gracia Nelson, Heidi Timm, Marjorie LaCoursiere, Judy Pulczynski, Linda Pavek, Connie Moe, Bruce Lawrence, and Jerald Brown

Others present: NWRL Director Kristi Hanson and Glenice Rugland

Call to Order: Secretary Gracia Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Moe/Pulczynski moved to approve the agenda. Carried.

Approval of August Minutes (No September Minutes)

LaCoursiere/Pavek moved to approve the August 16, 2018 minutes. Carried.

Financial Report: Timm/Pavek moved to approve the financial reports. Carried.

EFT payments check numbers 505 to 512 for a total of \$8,169.01
Check payments numbered 8733 to 8785 for a total of \$57,846.53

Reports:

A. Directors Report: Teddy Bear Band performed at Hallock and Warren. Westside Motors is continuing to look for another vehicle for the NWRL. Karlstad Library plans to change their Saturday opening from morning to afternoon to encourage more patrons.

B. Circulation: The winter programming is starting. The “Hot Reads, Cold Nights” program has been discontinued; they are looking into a new program.

Old Business:

- A. **Garden Valley contract:** Phones have been installed in the libraries. Garden Valley is continuing to work on the Greenbush and Karlstad systems as they are experiencing some problems.
- B. **ELM Exp Training:** Electronic Library for Minnesota is providing training at no cost to library staff. Sessions will be held in Bemidji and Crookston.
- C. **Walt Whitman Program:** Pat Scully presented three programs in our region portraying poet Walt Whitman.
- D. **Justice Center first Book:** All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven. Kristi is still waiting to hear when the Justice Center Library is open so they can begin the reading at the jail.

VIII New Business:

- A. **Minnesota voluntary certification and state standards for public libraries.** Years ago, there was a certification program for public library staff. At present time, there is no certification but there is talk of reopening the program.
- B. **Strategic Plan Goals:** Kristi handed out a list of Strategic Plan Goals and asked board members to review them and narrow them down to 5 or 6. Library staff members and the public will also be asked to review the goals and rank them as they pertain to their library
- C. **Greenbush Library Staffing:** The Greenbush librarian position is being shared by their librarian and part time librarian. This is working well.
- D. **2019 Board Changes:** Seven board members terms are up. Kristi asked them to notify her if they would like to serve another term.

- E. Legislative meeting:** October 30, 2018, St Cloud Library. Kristi plans on attending this meeting.
- F. 2019 City and County Funding:** Kristi has met with each city and county regarding the 2019 Budget. There is no change in funding request from 2018.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 2018