



Kenyon Public Library

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Minutes for the Kenyon Public Library Board Meeting of November 16, 2021.

This meeting was held in the Kenyon Public Library

Board Members present Kevin Anderson, Beverly Emerson, Heidi Haugen, and Pat Senjem. Librarian Michelle Otte was also present.

Absent: Ann Traxler

In the absence of Board Chair Traxler, Vice Chair Haugen called the meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Emerson, second by Senjem to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Senjem, second by Emerson to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

SELCO Board Report The SELCO Board did not meet.

Librarian's Report

- Programing update:
 - Storytime: there were nine sessions during Oct. with an average of 10 participants.
 - Book Group has been meeting in the library. Eight members met in Oct. The book list is available online at the library website.

Old Business

- The In-House Book Sale will continue in the library until Nov. 24. All items are being sold at ten cents an item. Some of the items have been recycled. One of the purposes of the book sale is to keep books from being thrown away and for people to add them to their personal libraries.
- The Food Drive will continue until the end of Nov. At this time \$171 in cash has been collected. Through Nov. 15 750 items have been circulated. The goal is 3,000 circulations in Nov. with Librarian Otte donating \$0.10 for each checked out item to the food shelf.
- The library staff will participate in the annual Christmas in Kenyon event on Dec. 4 for 10 a.m. to noon.

Readers: Librarian Otte is looking for eight volunteer readers from the community that young people will recognize.

Face Painting: Stencils and paint have been purchased. Otte proposed asking four or five members of the K-W Band or Choir to assist with this project. In appreciation the library would donate \$250 to the Nashville Trip the band and



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choir is planning for in the spring. The money for this would come from the library donation account.

Motion by Anderson, second by Emerson to donate \$250 to the K-W Band and Choir as compensation for face painting. Motion passed.

New Business

- Recommendations for a new library board member are being taken to replace Pat Senjem who is retiring from the board on January 1, 2022.
- Due to Pat Senjem's retirement from the board a replacement will be needed to take her place on the SELCO Board. SELCO has been notified of her resignation.
- Otte put forward a proposal starting Jan. 1, 2022, that the library close at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of 6:30 p.m. due to lack of patrons using the library. Motion by Haugen, seconded by Senjem to change the library hours. Motion passed.
- Board members were instructed to review the proposed by library bylaws and be prepared to approve or decline changes at the Dec. meeting.

There were no board comments.

Dates to remember:

- Librarian Otte will use a vacation day on Nov. 24, 2021.
- The library will be closed on Nov. 25 and 26, 2021 for Thanksgiving
- The library will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Dec. 4 for Christmas in Kenyon.

With no more business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in the library on December 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Anderson

Library Board Secretary