

Oscar Grady Library Board Meeting Minutes

January 8 2019

Members & Guests Present

Present: Kris Becker, Joe Caban, Jen Gerber, Kay Hamann, Mary Jo Hansen, Sonia Lear, Heidi Rettler, Sandy Schulz.

1) Call to Order

Sonia Lear called the meeting of the Oscar Grady Library Board to order at 6:00P.

2) Statement of Public Notice

The Statement of Public Notice was properly posted.

3) Citizen Comments

None.

4) Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings

The minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

5) Financial Report

A motion was made, seconded, and passed authorizing payment of the December 2018 CSRF bills and accepting the December 2018 General Fund Financial Report.

6) TED Talk: A Librarian's Case Against Overdue Book Fines

J. Gerber discussed the concept of not having overdue fines and presented a 13-minute TED Talk to the Board from a librarian in La Crosse. After the viewing, J. Gerber provided the following information: 15% of Saukville residents and patrons who have chosen our library as their branch of choice are currently blocked – 918 people of 4,400 people. A majority of these people are adults. 176 patrons have fines equal or greater than \$50.

J. Gerber explained the process of calling, e-mailing, and USPS mailing that staff goes through; about 2 hours a week is spent on these activities. The police department does assist with theft. Amnesty days have been done in the past at the library; a lot of items, including damaged ones, were returned during these days. The revenue component for non-librariated patrons was also discussed.

J. Gerber is going to continue to gather information on this issue.

7) Director's Report

J. Gerber announced that Tyler & his wife had their baby, a little girl. Everyone is doing well. Recipe Club has their soup night tonight; everyone is invited to taste test.

The library is no longer offering hard copy tax forms; however, a new service is being introduced. There is a program where the IRS/AARP volunteers come in to a host site and do people's taxes for free. The library is now an approved hosting site for this service. There are 5 dates with 15-minute time slots to sign up for this service. The tax preparers are trained by the IRS. The service is available to all members of the community. See the Circulation Desk or Facebook page for details.

There will be a new library board member soon – Marcella Wilde. She has to be approved by the Village Board. Another board vacancy will be coming in late spring. J. Caban will be leaving the Village & Library Boards in April; he has decided not to seek reelection. Another Village Board member will be assigned to the library.

The Noon Year's Eve Party organized by Ms. Julie was in the Ozaukee Press – the kids and families really had a nice time!

J. Gerber shared some new partnerships with the board. Riveredge & the library have been working on the community rivers project together. There will be a film screening on 01/15 at 6P at the library. The Wisconsin Historical Society's Wisconsin's waterways exhibit is installed at the library until the end of January. There is a new partnership with Aurora; an outreach person has been coming to give presentations on various health, mental health, and healthy eating.

The Monarch System Agreement was received; there were no changes from the prior version that Board President S. Lear signed. S. Lear will sign this copy and the board agreed with this action.

8) Communications

None.

9) Other Matters

None.

10) Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:30P. The next meeting date will be Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Heidi Rettler