

ALEXANDRIA-MONROE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelby Thomas, Pamela Blake, Melissa Giles, LeeAnne Fisher, Suzi Remington and Montie Manning.

MEMBERS ABSENT: DAVE HOLDER AND BOB ROGERS

CALL TO ORDER

Vice president Shelby Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:11pm. Minutes of the previous meeting had been sent to each member prior to this meeting. Pam Blake moved to accept the minutes as written; Suzi Remington seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The only item of old business discussed was the vacant lot behind the library and possible plans for its use. This item was tabled at the April meeting after brief discussion due to several board members being absent. After rehashing some of the ideas that were suggested in April, everyone present agreed to table this issue until such time that town growth or other changes in town dictate that it would be appropriate to revisit the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business were some changes that needed to be made to the internet and computer use policies that are currently in place. Manning explained the need to make several changes to policies that set guidelines for how the libraries' computers are to be used and how patrons are allowed to use them. Since the remodel, it has become apparent that some of the old policies are no longer effective. Manning briefly touched on areas such as no longer allowing patrons to reserve computer time, eliminating guest passes except in limited situations and issuing computer user cards to allow computer access. After some brief discussion, LeeAnne Fisher made a motion to allow Manning to make the necessary changes to the computer usage policy and Suzi Remington seconded. The motion carried.

The second item of new business was ideas for new programming at the library. Manning asked how board members felt about the possibility of the library hosting an after hours wine tasting event. He mentioned that several other libraries in the state have been trying out this type of after hours event in order to generate more adult interest in resources that libraries have to offer. He indicated that from the information he has gathered so far these events have been well received by their respective communities. Some discussion ensued, and the overall response from the board members present was positive. Manning was given the go ahead to begin researching details that he will report back to the board when he has them.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Montie mentioned that for the second year in a row our library was rated the number one Class C Library in the state. Way to go Montie and our awesome Staff! The Board is proud to serve such an excellent institution! Manning reported that our mobile library app is up and running for both Android and Apple devices, and the response so far has been positive.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Our circulation was down slightly, and this could be do to consolidating TV series DVD's into single boxes. Overdrive numbers have risen dramatically, which Manning said is very encouraging.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The claims sheet was distributed for approval. LeeAnne Fisher moved to pay claims 179-235; Melissa Giles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Library closed Friday, May 22 for Staff training
Library closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day
Summer Reading begins Monday, June 1

ADJOURNMENT

LeeAnne Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting; Melissa Giles seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 11th @ 6:00pm at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Giles,