Plains Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting January 28, 2025 @ 6:00

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

Present: Myra Lindborg (Chair), Greg Sanders (Vice-Chair), Brandon Wilson, Nate Stropko, Sophie Fisher.

Also Present: Nikki Ericksen (Library Director)

Public Comment: There was no public in attendance and no comment.

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The minutes from November 26th were reviewed. Greg moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Nate seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Minutes were signed.

Financial reports: County financial reports dated December 2024 were reviewed. Brandon moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Sophie seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Plains Library Foundation Bank Statement: Yearly bank statement was reviewed. Fees were discussed. Cindy Thomas (library staff) was asked away from her desk to answer questions since she has a background in the finance sector. She said that the management seems overly complicated but the fees seem to be in line with the industry.

Claims: Claims were reviewed.

Strategic Plan: Nikki explained that she felt it was time for strategic planning. The previous plan contained items that had either been accomplished or abandoned altogether. Nikki said she intended to have ongoing planning meetings with staff, volunteers, and community members. She asked the board members to be a part of it if they could. The overall planning for the building will require the most planning including the building, the pond, signage, and possible renovation. Other ideas raised for discussion have been programming such as after school homework help and adult education classes.

Teen Programming: Teen programming was discussed. Nikki suggested that a smaller committee take on this project. She suggested that it be discussed in the run up to budget time and over the summer so the program could possibly launch in the fall. Brandon asked that it be added to the agenda each month so that he can remain updated.

Blinds Project: Brandon Wilson and Nate Stropko both work for Huckleberry Contracting. They submitted an invoice to the board for facilitating the purchase of blinds for the library. Once paid, they will order the blinds and then Brandon and Nate will donate their time to install the blinds. It was noted that neither Brandon, Nate nor Huckleberry Contracting will profit from the contract.

Sophie moved to approve Library Foundation payment to Hucklebarry Contracting for facilitating the purchase and installation of blinds in the amount of $3746.55. Nate seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Invoice for Plains Library Foundation was signed by chair and director.

The next meeting was set for February 25 at 6:00pm.

The remainder of the meeting was closed at 7:05 in order to provide director feedback.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21

Myra Lindborg (Chair) _____

Greg Sanders (Vice-Chair) _____

Brandon Wilson (Tamarack Representative) _____

Nate Stropko _____

Sophie Fisher _____