Plains Public Library Boad of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
6:00pm, May 27 , 2025 @ Plains Public Library

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

Also present: Nikki Ericksen (Director)

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The minutes for April 29 were reviewed. Sophie moved to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were reviewed. Brandon moved to accept the financial reports. All in favor. Motion passed.

Claims: Claims were reviewed

Budget: The adjusted budget was reviewed; individual line items were discussed. Brandon asked Nikki to find out what the county plans to give as raises so that the board can be in alignment.

Board Training: Board Training is scheduled for June 3rd from 6 pm to 9 pm. The board chose the topics of 1.) becoming a district 2.) reading financial reports 3.) grant writing and research 4.) friends and foundations roles and rules.

Membership Fee: The board discussed the possibility of charging a yearly membership fee to patrons who live outside the district and therefore do not pay taxes to our library. Nikki suggested that given the tight finances and staff fundraising efforts, asking these patrons to contribute would provide additional funds equal to an additional fundraiser. Board was positive about the idea. Nate asked Nikki for the exact number of patrons this would affect.

Three-Year Action Plan: The new action plan was discussed. Myra expressed concern about the fact that there were now two groups calling themselves "Friends of the Library". Nikki confirmed the intention of the groups to merge into one group and join efforts. Brandon moved to approve the Three-Year Action Plan: 2025 to 2028. All in favor. Motion passed.

Director's Report: The upcoming race was discussed and Myra and Brandon volunteered to help on race day. The community meeting on June 18 was discussed and Nikki asked the board to help spread the word to people with experience as or with disabled community members. The meeting would establish what the Rural Libraries Transforming Communities grant would be spent on.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Meeting was scheduled for June 24th at 6:00pm at the library.

Myra Lindborg (Chair) _____

Greg Sanders (Vice-Chair)_____

Brandon Wilson _____

Nate Stropko _____

Sophie Fisher _____