Waupaca Library Foundation - Minutes

Meeting Date: July 8, 2019
Place: Library Conference Room
Time: 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL
Present: Paul Hagen, Jim Olsen, Julie Eiden, Wilson Roane, Alan Kjelland, Sue Heideman, Linda Hagen
Absent: Sarah Hanneman, Vance Linden, Anne Justmann, Heidi Nowicki
Also Present: Peg Burington (Library Director), Emily Heideman, (Library Assistant Director), Liz Kneer (Exhibit Room Coordinator) - arrived at 6:05 and left early

AGENDA

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm
By – Paul Hagen, Vice President

I. Approve the meeting agenda

Motion by Wilson Roane Seconded by Alan Kjelland
Approve the meeting agenda.
Ayes – 7, Nayes – 0, Absent - 4 Motion Carried

II. Approve minutes of April’s board meeting

Motion by Wilson Roane Seconded by Jim Olsen
To accept the minutes of the April 2019 meeting
Ayes – 7, Nayes – 0, Absent - 4 Motion Carried

III. Exhibit Room Report by Liz Kneer and Peg Burington

1. The Children’s Department takes over the exhibit room for the summer providing STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, & math) activities.
2. Our Town, Your Future was a successful exhibit that engaged the community. It ran from April 6 - May 25 and included the history of Waupaca, plans for the future of Waupaca as well as information on the 25 years of the new library.
3. The next exhibit will be a NASA space exhibit coordinating with the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing. A textile exhibit is scheduled after NASA.
4. ‘Thinking Money for Kids’ is set per a grant from the American Library Association (ALA). This will be a free exhibit for 7-11 year old kids, Liz Kneer has already had her free training at the ALA convention in Washington DC. This exhibit also has a $1000 stipend.

IV. Treasurer’s Report - by Jim Olsen, Treasurer

2019 Income = $14,284.61 (this reflects the addition of $5,582.84 from the community foundation)
2019 Expenses = $20,351.94

Motion by Wilson Roane Seconded by Alan Kjelland
To accept the treasurer’s report.

Ayes – 7, Nayes – 0, Absent - 4  Motion Carried

VI. Library Report by Peg Burington, Library Director

1. Peg reported that the Student Library Advisory Group is back in existence. Taylor is a good leader with enthusiasm.
2. Children’s department has designated and created an area under the stairs for tweens (10 and 11 year old kids).
3. Summer reading is going well. A third of participants registered online.
4. The library is currently going through a planning process with an online and paper community survey.
5. The library experienced a 30% increase in digital items in 2018. Digital items are not included in the circulation statistics for funding, but Waupaca is starting conversations to change this so that in the future circulated digital items would be included in the funding formula.
6. There was a discussion about Hoopla, an online pay per use service that Waupaca is not able to afford.
7. Portage County patrons routinely circulate 10-12% of all materials. We are not reimbursed for the items checked out by Portage County patrons. The library has been in contact with Portage County to ask for reimbursement, but by current law Portage County doesn’t have to pay. Paul Hagen asked Peg to keep the foundation apprised of the situation with Portage County.

Motion by Sue Heidemen Seconded by Alan Kjelland
To accept the library report.
Ayes – 7, Nayes – 0, Absent - 4  Motion Carried

VII. Old Business
No progress on digitizing the local newspaper, The County Post.

VIII. New Business
None

IX. Adjournment
Motion by Wilson Roane Seconded by Jim Olsen
To adjourn

Ayes – 7, Nayes – 0, Absent - 4  Motion Carried

Adjourned at 6:45pm

Next meeting = Monday – October 14, 2019 @6:00PM