

Augusta Memorial Public Library Meeting Minutes
Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Bunny Turner

Present: Rebecca White Body, Bunny Turner, Brenda Pettis, Carrie Amo, Bruce Stabenow, Polina Kudelina, Barb Johnson

Also present: Leslie LaRose

Absent:

Quorum Present

Open Meeting Law Compliant

Agenda Approved : Motion made by Brenda, seconded by Bunny

Minutes from Dec. 19, 2022 Approved: Motion made by Bunny, seconded by Polina

Financial Report:

1. Leslie plans to close the 2022 financials before opening the 2023 ones; she's waiting for the last 2022 credit card statement.
2. Leslie identified the source of the \$500 discrepancy on the previous financials; the source was an entry error on the City's end. The problem has now been resolved.

Director's Report:

1. The Winter Reading Program will last four weeks and features a puzzle tournament, Bingo card of reading activities, and a film series featuring movies based on books.
2. The Library Love Story link lets people submit statements about why they love the library; their stories can be shared with legislators to demonstrate the importance of libraries.
3. The Summer Reading Program will also last four weeks.

Friends of the Library report

1. No Friends report this month

Bathroom

1. The toilets have now been fixed and no longer run, which will save money on the water bill.

Year End Budget

1. Although the budget spreadsheet shows some remaining funds, the money was used to purchase a TV mounting system, cabinets, etc. The WE Energies bill was larger than expected, but money from the damaged book fund was able to cover it. After all expenses are accounted for, the remaining balance is only eleven cents.

Teen Shelving

1. Leslie found a shelf that meets the Library's needs and is in stock; with shipping, the cost is \$3205.96. It can be paid for using Board held funds, which have a current balance of \$17,923.63.
2. Bunny motioned to pay for the shelf with Board held funds, Polina seconded, all approved.

Memorial purchases

1. The Library has \$550 in memory of Dave Steele. Leslie proposed using it to create an engraved display of the poem he wrote for the Library's centennial.
2. Leslie would like to replace the mobile podium that holds children's items using money donated in memory of her mother and sister. A commercial one is available for \$1212.04 including shipping, but another possibility is contacting Skip about making one. The Library will continue to use the old podium until we find out if he's willing to make it.
3. Bruce suggested that Leslie contact University Supply to see if the Library can get free or low-cost items, such as the podium, shelving, etc., through them.

Summer Reading Program

1. The theme will be "All Together Now" and will focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. Leslie would like to invite someone from a local tribe to present about the tribe's culture. She could check with Black River Falls to find referrals to possible presenters.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm

Minutes taken and typed by Rebecca White Body