



North Shore Library Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 2021

9:00 a.m.

ONLINE MEETING:

<https://zoom.us/j/99189389779>

OR CALL: 1 312 626 Meeting ID: 991 8938 9779

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

Glaisner called meeting to order 9:02 a.m.

Present: Bartels, Fonstad, Glaisner, Kabara, Pierner, Rindt, Seem, Wiese, Zitzter

Also Present: Pisarski, Interim Library Director, Botcher, Fox Point Village Manager, Pederson, Bayside Village Manager, Safstrom, Glendale City Administrator

Excused: Shaw

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

THE NORTH SHORE LIBRARY BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE "ACTION" ON ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: 9.11.20 Selection Committee, 1.21.21 Library Board

Invoices: January 2020

2021 YTD Financials

January 2021 Statistics

Motion made by Bartels/Pierner to approve consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Update from Community Trustees

Fonstad reported that Rindt and Fonstad met with Fox Point Village President Douglas Frazer to discuss legal and accounting issues regarding the library's fund balance and capital budget ahead of the March meeting.

Wiese had no report.

Glaisner reported that there was no River Hills meeting this month and that he is planning a meeting with the village presidents and trustees of the three villages to have a discussion regarding the library.

Zitzer had no report.

5. Director's Report

The Library building opened up to the public on Monday, February 8. We are operating at our same service hours and are offering curbside service for holds ready for pickup during all open hours. Senior and high risk patrons have special hours on Fridays 10-12pm.

Before opening to the public on February 8. Curbside pickup was very popular. There were 2,212 curbside requests in January; a 3% increase over December. E content continued to be popular as well. 5,160 e-content was borrowed by North Shore patrons from Overdrive, Hoopla and RB Digital in January, a 36% increase over January 2020 usage.

In January 2021, the Youth Services Department held 19 programs and 303 people attended and 1 outreach program with 76 attendees. We also had 25 librarian pick requests fulfilled.

Youth Services Staff visited Parkway Elementary School to promote the library's Own Voices Challenge. Staff visited four, third grade classrooms virtually and talked about the Own Voices challenge, made book recommendations, and discussed new books available at the library.

2 AWE Learning computers were purchased and installed in the kids room. This was part of the donation the library received in December. These computers include early literacy games and school age games. They are easy to use and don't require an internet connections to operate. They are currently available for 30-minute sessions. We are excited to promote these to patrons as we have more patrons through our doors.

In January, Adult Services hosted 10 programs with 93 participants.

Library staff recorded the 34th episode of the library's podcast Book Chat at the North Shore Library and celebrated Black History month by highlighting Black Voices in literature such as Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo" by Zora Neale Hurston and Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson. The episode was released February 4. The podcast is hosted on soundcloud, but available for download through many podcast apps. In 2020, we released 12 new episodes and had 1,459 listens.

Our most popular and successful programs in January include the Winter Reading Challenge, the Make and Take craft series, the Rita Gecht Book Club, Disney Trivia (family focus), and our outreach book club to the Elizabeth Residence in Bayside. All programs are virtual.

Staff 65 and older are receiving their second dose of the vaccine this week and next week. Library staff will be included with Bayside Municipal staff when the vaccine is available to them.

Initial interviews for the Library Director will be taking place next week. The selection committee has asked Susan Draeger-Anderson to participate in the interviews with them. Interviews will be held over zoom. The selection committee is planning on a second round of in person interviews for successful candidates, with the whole board invited to attend.

I'm sorry to share that last week Friday, Head of Youth Services, Lizzy Lowrey notified me that she has accepted a job offer and gave me notice of her resignation. Her last day will be Thursday, March 4. In her resignation, Lizzy stated that Glendale's decision to withdraw from the Joint Library Agreement was why she decided to pursue other job opportunities. Lizzy joined the leadership team at North Shore in April of 2019. She has been a fantastic addition to the library. She continued the Intergenerational Pen Pal Program, earning the library the prestigious Programming Innovation Award from the Wisconsin

Library Association in 2020. She lead the way in marketing electronic resources to schools, parents, and children throughout the pandemic, and stepped into virtual programming without hesitation. She has been a leader in the library and the county, and will be deeply missed by patrons and staff alike. She planned spring programming and will arrange basic plans for summer reading before she leaves. This will be a tremendous help to the library.

The leadership team will be meeting tomorrow to discuss coverage of youth services programs in March and April. The Youth services department is currently understaffed, down a 20 hour/week librarian that was going to be filled in May. The next director should be included in filling the Head of Youth Services position. I would like to post for the position in early/mid March so interviews can be held in Mid/April once a Director is selected. This timeline would make it possible for the new hire to start before summer reading begins.

Pisarski clarified that Draeger-Anderson is volunteering her time. Bartels shared her regrets that Lowrey resigned and shared that the Youth Services Department will be receiving a grant from the Mensa of Wisconsin Foundation.

Seem joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

6. North Shore Library Planning Committee: Discussion and Action

Pisarski reported that the consensus among Library Board members from the three remaining villages is that Village leadership is best suited to make decisions regarding the future framework of the North Shore Library and staff can provide information to village leadership as needed. Motion made by Fonstad/Bartels to rescind the motion made at the October 29 Library Board Meeting forming the Library Planning Committee charged with recommending plans for the North Shore Library involving Bayside, Fox Point, and River Hills. Motion passed with 7 yes and 2 abstain votes.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Wisconsin Department of Instruction Annual Report: Discussion and Approval

Pisarski reviewed the report and highlighted sections that were updated or changed this year to record COVID-19 specific data.

Motion made by Zitzer/Rindt to approve the 2020 Wisconsin Department of Instruction Annual Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Items for Future Agenda.

There were no new items for a future agenda.

9. Adjournment until March 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Rindt/Zitzer to adjourn until March 18, 2021 at 9:00am. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Pisarski, Interim Director and Recording Secretary