October 27, 2020

Suring Area Public Library Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Director- Jill Trochta

Town of Bagley- Barb Truttman

Town of Breed-Bette Elbe, Marybeth Ascher

Town of How-Ruben Rakow

Town of Maple Valley-Lowell Suring, Candie  Lehto

Village of Suring- Joe Wicker

Suring School Administrator- Kelly Casper

The September meeting was called to order by President Bette Elbe, and followed by the Pledge of Allegience.

Agenda- Motion was made to approve Agenda by  Candie, 2nd by Marybeth, and carried.

Public Input-none

Approve Minutes of Last Meeting-Motion by Ruben and 2nd by Candie and carried.

Friends Report- Marybeth

-2020 projects are complete.

-The friends have rearranged their finances.

-Jill will meet with Friends to discuss new projects.

-Mae Adams is now President as Mary Lou moved.

-The Friends will welcome/recruit new members from new Townships.

-350 candy bars were donated to Suring School to be used in Halloween bags for students.

Directors Report

-Library is busy being open 2 days a week.  With COVID numbers rising some libraries are going back to curbside pickup only.  Will continue to monitor COVID.

-Trustee handbooks are being updated.

- Brazeau and Mountain will be appointing representatives for SAPL board of trustees.  Refer anyone interested to their Town Chairman.

-Kids "grab bag" Halloween craft available at library and being used.

-Santa will be in learning center 12/12.  Library will offer "grab bag craft" for kids.

-Roof hasn't been repaired yet.  Still leaking when strong wind/rain.  Bette will follow up with contractor.

-Marybeth will ask the Friends for $600 from book sale to be used for new books, as budget exhausted.

Treasurers Report

a)Petty cash - no activity.

b)Expenditures and revenues-Bette indicated we have 21.6 percent left for last quarter, but budget will be on target providing Friends contribute from book sale.

-Candie asked to see a comparison from last yr. at this point.

Approve payment of bills- Ruben and Jill went through bills.  Ruben made motion to approve bills 2nd by Marybeth and carried.

Old Business

a) Joint Library Update- Marybeth talked to Jill's question regarding contributions in 2021 from the Towns of Mountain and Breed.  Marybeth indicated that they both need to contribute to SAPL as well as Oconto Co. by June, 2021 for first payment.  Other towns pay SAPL by March.

b) Trustee Training- no further updates per Candie.

New Business:

a) Library By-Laws  - After discussion, it was decided we need to act on this soon.  DPI has model available online.  Present by-laws from 9/25/07.  Marybeth nominated Candie to chair By-Laws Committee, 2nd by Ruben and carried.

-We also discussed new format for our Board of Trustees with addition of Brazeau and Mountain.  Ruben, Lowell and Helen terms expire at end of yr.  (Helen already resigned.). Marybeth indicated that she will resign also.  Those who wish to continue as rep. should contact your town chairman.

-Kelly indicated that Suring school kids are doing great, but they are short staffed currently.  There is a lot of need in the community for winter jackets, hats, mittens, food, Christmas gifts, holiday meals.

b) Directors Annual Appraisal due to Lowell Suring by Oct. 31.  Please email Lowell, mail to him or drop off at Library in sealed envelope.  Questions can be directed to Lowell.

Adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Truttman, Secretary