

SINKING SPRING PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES

October 17, 2022

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sinking Spring Public Library (SSPL) was held on October 17, 2022. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

Board Members Present: Tracy Peterson, Jenny Allbee, Lisa Domeshek, Allison Brophy, Lawrence Ross

Library Staff Present: Wenonah Riegel

Public: None

SSPL Friends: None

FRIENDS OF SSPL REPORT

Good Book Sale – no numbers reported.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

No issues, minutes approved.

REVIEW OF TREASURERS REPORT

Ms. Domeshek said the budget looks good and we are ahead about \$10,000.

PROGRESS AND SERVICE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Riegel spoke of improving the workroom space to function better with a full staff. An island was purchased off of Facebook marketplace and will need a top and wheels before adding it to the space. She is also looking to get 10 lockers for staff to put their belongings during their working shift. The new employees are working out well and are in the process of training. The library photo booth has been a great success.

Paint from Sherwin Williams has been dropped off and they have been wonderful. Ms. Riegel will be putting up something on social media and in the library to say Sherwin Williams donated the paint for the library.

Ms. Domeshek made a motion for Ms. Riegel to file the application for state aid of \$57,000 for next year up from this year's amount of \$48,000. Mr. Ross seconded the motion. All voting members agreed for the application to be filed.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussed the issue of removing fines from our library. Most libraries are moving to fine free and Ms. Riegel is not sure how it will affect libraries that continue to have fines. In the past two years, we have had \$1400 in fines in 2021 and so far in 2022 the amount has lessened to \$740; possibly due to automatic renewals and more electronic reading. Ms. Riegel's recommendation is to go fine free. Mr. Ross made a motion to agree with Ms. Riegel's recommendation. Ms. Domeshek seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Robitzer opposing and all others agreeing.

The court issue concerning a patron acting in a disorderly conduct in regards to the LGBTQ+ display ended in a loss. The patron is currently banned from the library. Ms. Domeshek made a motion to ban the patron until Jan 1, 2024. Ms. Brophy seconded it and all approved. A letter will be written and then reviewed by our attorney before being sent out.

We will continue looking into using the library space for weddings.

The staff got together for pizza and a movie as a time of team building.

The roadwork crew powerwashed the library's doormats and Ms. Riegel was very appreciative and will be buying them and the staff donuts.

NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting will start with an executive session to discuss salaries and if we will have a lead passport agent since we have 10 employees doing passports.

LIBRARY SYSTEMS MEETING REPORT

Mr. Robitzer will attend the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

NEXT MEETING OF SSPL: November 21, 2022 in person

NEXT SYSTEMS MEETING: November 16, 2022