

**Pine River Public Library District
Board Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2019**

Community Meeting 5:00-6:00

Meeting opened 6:25 after community discussion wrapped up

- a. Roll call - Abbie Wiler, Ashleigh Tarkington, Mike Hawkins, Steve Miller, Susan Miller, Brenda Marshall, Don Mooney, Vaughn Morris, Laura Hokanson

March minutes - Motion to approve Ashleigh, seconded by Vaughn, approved by all. Signed by Abbie

Treasurer's Report

- Laura shared reports. Confirmed that snow removal costs are high but overall looks like that will be OK. Some insurance money was recorded in the incorrect line but has since been corrected. Investment income is higher than predicted and we expect that line to be over budget. Laura will be meeting with Shelley, Brenda and the auditors before the next board meeting to review the draft audit. Brenda to inform Laura of date ASAP. The auditors will be presenting the audit at our June meeting. Steve motioned to accept, Ashleigh seconded, approved by all.

Communications from audience:

Friends of the Library report - Susan Miller

- \$820 Sky Ute money grab
- \$600+ from Wool and yarn sale
- Block party \$85 soda sales and merch. \$1,254.82 beer sales. Also handed out books, supervised children's activities etc.
- Bake sale and merchandise sale made \$200
- Upcoming event - Saturday, June 1st, book sale, art sale, yard sale and community yard sale. Please mark your calendars
- Fundraising committee continuing to meet

Becky Van Den Berg shared that she would like to see us extend our hours for the summer to provide a place for our teens and tweens.

Directors Report Highlights:

- Colorado Humanities planning History Live event in September
- 2 Donuts with the Director public meetings
- 2 Friends of the Library meetings
- Brenda attended Marmot director's meeting in Palisade
- Summer landscaping service started
- Michaela picking up a few of the landscaping chores to save library money

- Audit fieldwork completed
- All marketing materials for summer reading prepared
- Moving ahead with new book-drop at Forest Lakes
- 81 programs in April with 1,054 in attendance
- New schedule due to Michaela, Trevon and Tim staff changes
- Kate chosen by State Library to be Western Slope Literacy Specialist
- Tech refresh nearly finished - 5 computers to go
- Started meetings on new website (\$5,000 contribution from the Friends)

Public Meeting Debrief:

Good turnout and good information shared. Some key community participants and lively discussions at the tables. Overall feeling was that the majority of attendees felt strongly that we should go back to the community again with a couple of dissenters.

Positive comments:

- No increase in 20 years
- Our community needs us!
- Our youth needs support and activities

Negative comments:

- We should charge for services
- We should charge parents for children's activities - pay for play
- We should work within our revenue and not ask for more

Some ideas generated:

- Clarify that not all our money comes from taxpayers - B&G club, FOL, grants, (Vaughn)
- Can we simplify ballot language? Pros and cons of separating into two requests
- Highlight grants we seek that are not from the taxpayer (Susan)
- Highlight how much we do with how little (Kevin Aten/Abbie)
- Julie Westendorff offered to visit with us to help us plan/look at strategy (Ashleigh)
- Wanted statistics for other libraries - what are Durango residents paying for example
- Need to promote our message more (Dan)
- Shouldn't go out for any less (Kevin Aten)
- Long term history of performance
- When the library was rebuilt and then extended the board understood that they would eventually need more money (Dan)

Discussed next steps - will discuss more at the next meeting.

Action Item:

- Revisited the suggestion to move to extended summer ideas but decided to stick with the current hours. Motion to keep current hours Abbie, second Steve, approved by all.

- Telecommuting Agreement for review. Change to say 14 days in both places. Confirm insurance is OK. Vaughn motioned to approve, Ashleigh seconded approved by all

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting - June 19th 6:15