

Nortonville Public Library
April 24, 2024

Members Present: Sarah Diehl, President, Phyllis Clark, Cynthia Jenkins, Linda Buttron, Diane Low (phoned in)

Members Absent: Nancy Belveal, Ray Brown, Mayor

Present: Public Present: Joetta Weishaar, Greta Funk, Library Director

Call to Order/Introductions: 6:33 P.M.

The March minutes were reviewed and discussed. Some names were in error, and these will be amended. A motion was made to accept the minutes and the motion passed in a vote of 5-0.

Director's Report: Greta reported that she applied for and will receive 32 native KS plants in September through the Plant a Prairie program from the KS Native Plant Society. She will have the kids that come into the library help plant and maintain the garden. She said it may go behind the railing in the back of the building's lawn or between the sidewalk and the tree in the front. Tim Jenkins will till the area when the time comes. She reported that the plant and book sale is Saturday from 9-4, and she could use some help with it. She also reported that she's having a craft night fundraiser on Wednesday, May 1, to raise money for summer reading, the summer reading kickoff on Saturday, June 1, the annual library board trustee training on June 1 via zoom and that there needs to be a quorum that does a 90-120 min training (formal or informal) by September. She reported that she's had some donations from the giving tree and Amazon Wishlist and has raised about \$150 from the sales of "reading buddies" that she has crocheted.

Treasurer's Report: Greta presented the treasurer's report which was discussed, and it was moved and accepted in a vote of 5-0.

The 2025 budget was discussed. We will talk to the township board at their next meeting and see if they'd be willing to increase the amount they give. Greta talked about increasing the budgeted amount for payroll in order to increase part time staff wages and increasing the amount for supplies and books. A motion was made by Sarah to accept the budget with an amended payroll rate to include a raise to \$20/hr. at the December meeting for Greta, as well as a \$500 cushion for Christmas bonuses. Linda seconded the motion, and it was accepted with a vote of 5-0. Greta's pay rate was discussed, and a motion was made by Sarah to increase it to \$19.00/hr. effective April 21, 2024. Diane seconded and it was passed in a vote of 5-0.

The pros and cons of a debit vs credit card were discussed, as well as the names on the bank accounts, as the bank needed an answer on whether the debit card would be issued to Greta or not and she must be on the checking account to receive one. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting, when new officers will be appointed.

Discussion was also tabled on library policy handbooks until the next meeting.

Sarah was presented with a card, gift, and certificate for her ten years on the Library Board and in appreciation for her role as Board President for many years. She will be missed.

Sarah made her last motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion, and it was passed with a vote of 4-1, Cynthia voting against.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.