



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final Library Board

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

6:00 AM

Library Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Also present: Will Flannery (Youth Representative), Sonia Brunelle (Youth Representative), Tara Alaniz (Youth Representative), Amy Commers (Youth Services Manager), Bill North (FFNPL Liaison), Natalie Draper (Staff Liaison), Karin Bartlett (Clerical Liaison). Board Member Runestad left the meeting 7:00 p.m.

6:03 P.M.- Meeting called to order by Chair Turek

Present: 6 - Board Member Mason Randall, Chair Laura Turek, Board Member Pam Charlton, Board Member Jane Moore, Vice Chair Kate Carlson and Board Member Anna Runestad

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Charlton, seconded by Randall to approve the June 12, 2024 Library Board Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Randall, Chair Turek, Board Member Charlton, Vice Chair Carlson and Board Member Runestad

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Moore

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Randall to approve the May 8th Library Board Draft Minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Randall, Chair Turek, Board Member Charlton, Vice Chair Carlson and Board Member Runestad

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Moore

1. Library Board Draft Minutes May 8, 2024

Attachments: [Draft Meeting Minutes May 8, 2024](#)

PRESENTATIONS

*Welcome Amy Commers, new Youth Services Manager. Amy has an impressive career in library services and management. Summer reading program active; two of four summer interns will report to Amy.
Board Member Moore entered meeting 6:08; FFNPL Representative North entered meeting 6:10.*

2. Presentation by Amy Commers, Youth Services Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

REGULAR AGENDA

Applications and renewals for Boards and Commissions are due by July. Two members up for renewal and one open vacancy.

Discussion of Vision Statement created with SELCO. A community where we all thrive; part of City of Northfield Vision Statement. Adopt with language change to 'a community where everyone thrives'.

July regular meeting, August subcommittee. Rice County Board meeting August 6, 8:30 a.m. in Faribault.

3. 2025 Board and Commission Appointment Process Update
4. Vision Statement.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Charlton to approve the Vision Statement as amended. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Board Member Randall, Chair Turek, Board Member Charlton, Board Member Moore, Vice Chair Carlson and Board Member Runestad

STAFF UPDATES

Creating a vision plan for library exterior in conjunction with FFNPL and Ten x Ten. Key priorities are sustainability, erosion control; ADA compliance and resource management. A long term comprehensive plan is best use of resources and money. Community engagement sessions this summer at events. Zoom meeting June 18th 3:00 for FFNPL, Library Board and staff.

New MN legislation supporting freedom of library access and library collection protection.

5. Library Strategic Plan Report.

Attachments: [May Strategic Plan Report](#)
[Chapter 109 - MN Laws - access to books](#)
[2024 06 04 Planning Kick-Off Agenda](#)
[Library Statistics May 2024](#)

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

-FFNPL-Budget in progress. Consolidating Oasis and Landscape Vision for ease of funding and financial accountability. Capital expenditure(emergency funding-. ex equipment brakeage)back in budget. FFNPL looking for 2-3 board members. Annual meeting usually September, Sunday afternoon at the library; sending out survey for ideas to increase community participation.

-Flannery-High School robotics team looking for sponsorship/partnership of First Tech Challenge Lego League. Thought of library because of popular monthly Lego Club.

ADJOURNMENT

7:15p.m.- Motion by Randall, seconded by Carlson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Randall, Chair Turek, Board Member Charlton, Board Member Moore and Vice Chair Carlson

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Runestad