



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Library Board

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

6:00 PM

Library Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Chair Moore.

Present: 5 - Vice Chair Laura Turek, Board Member Pam Charlton, Chair Jane Moore, Board Member Kate Carlson and Board Member Sonia Brunelle

Absent: 2 - Mason Randall and Board Member Thelma Estrada

ALSO PRESENT: Bill North (FFNPL Liaison) , Will Flannery(Youth), Tara Alaniz (Youth), Natalie Draper (Library Director and Staff Liaison) and Kathy Rush Vizina (Clerical Liaison Substitute).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Charlton and seconded by Carlson to approve the agenda as printed. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Library Board Draft Minutes September 13, 2023

Attachments: [Library Board MeetingMinutes Sept. 19 2023 draft](#)

It was moved by Brunelle and seconded by Carlson to approve the September 13, 2023 minutes without change. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation.

Alexus Kreft, newer staff member who Started May 15th., talked about the different parts of her position, programming, outreach and social media. She promoted her new "Glass Half Full Book Club".

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public Comment.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Discussion of the Month: Climate Change.

Attachments: [U.S. Public Libraries Serve as Cooling Centers in Extreme Weather Library Journal](#)

Draper lead a discussion about climate change and how it has been effecting the library budget. She asked for ideas from the board. Charlton left at 6:55.

STAFF UPDATES

4. Staff Update.

Attachments: [September Strategic Plan Update](#)
[Sept 2023 Circulation - Copy](#)

Draper encouraged the Board to help her reach out to people to take the Library Survey. She updated the Board on the Oasis. HHC event went very well this year.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

North reported that the Friends applied for a Northfield Shares Grant to partially fund window shades for the library atrium. The Friends will cover the rest of the cost. Give to the Max Day coming up. North promoted the Trivia Bee Oct 27th at the Grand. They are working on getting new members.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Carlson and seconded by Brunelle to adjourn the meeting at 7:28. It was approved by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Turek, Chair Moore, Board Member Carlson and Board Member Brunelle

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Charlton