



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Library Board

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

7:00 PM

Library Meeting Room

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Call to order by Chair Mason Randal 7:07 pm.

Present: 7 - Mason Randall, Board Member Richard Crouter, Board Member Elizabeth Yang, Board Member Anne Larson, Board Member Paola Torres-Bermundez, Board Member Laura Turek and Board Member Pam Charlton

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Margit Zsolnay and Board Member Thelma Estrada

Others Present

Natalie Draper(Library Director), James Shuffleton(Youth); Grace Kasson(Youth); Judy Schotzco(Selco Represenitive); Karin Bartlett(Clerical Liasson); Krista Ross(SELCO); Steve Harsin(SELCO)

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Board Member Crouter, seconded by Board Member Larson, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Randall, Board Member Crouter, Board Member Yang, Board Member Larson, Board Member Torres-Bermundez, Board Member Turek and Board Member Charlton

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Attached are the Draft Minutes from the May 2021 Library Board Meeting

Approved by consent.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: An opportunity for Northfield residents to address the Library Board on agenda items or issues related to the library mission.

None

V. REPORTS

a) Director's Report (Draper)

Pride event successful; Books and Stars starting June 16; HHC fully funded;email database being compiled; recording a staff history of COVID impact; Northfield Historical society donated a rotating collection display case; approved for LSTA grant.

Attached is the Library Director's report

Attached is the Library Circulation Statistics for May 2021

b) SELCO (Schotzko)

Highlighted the importance of advocacy.

c) City Council meeting

No report.

d) Friends and Foundation of the Northfield Public Library (North)

No report.

e) Liaison reports

i. Human Rights (Crouter)

Northfield Police met with HRC; reviewing 13 policies. No current city plan for street renaming. Upcoming meeting topics include Indigenous Peoples day; Conversion Therapy bans; Convention to end all discrimination against women.

ii. Mayor's Youth Council (Shuffleton)

Year end wrap up.

iii. School Board (Zsolnay)

HS mascot will not be adopted, using the letter 'N'; possible mascot name review. Formalizing land acknowledgement statement; Did not pass Pay Equity Review; female pay takes longer to reach equity; Director level appointments found to be underpaid.

iv. Arts & Culture (Draper)

John Sterner contract under review. Underpass murals starting June 21. Artist on Main Street proposals awarded; projects include spine label steps at library(Kathy Ness) and a project by Teen Librarian Catherine Stricklan.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Regarding pre-COVID HCI report- Can the library partner with schools and SEL teams to raise the self esteem of HS girls.

VII. DISCUSSION OF THE MONTH: Welcome Krista Ross and Steve Harsin (SELCO) to discuss strategic planning process.

Krista Ross & Steve Harsin from SELCO discussed the timeline of the library strategic planning and how SELCO can assist.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 8:28pm.

Motion was made by Board Member Yang and seconded by Board Member Crouter the adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Randall, Board Member Crouter, Board Member Yang, Board Member Larson, Board Member Torres-Bermundez, Board Member Turek and Board Member Charlton