

DULUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

February 23, 2021

Sue Henke called the meeting of the Duluth Library Board to order at 4:30

Members Present: Sue Henke, Michelle Foshay, Lizzy Luoma, Neil Glazman, Stephen Welsh, David Sperl, Matt Rosendahl, Alex Strelow

Also Present: Carla Powers, Arik Forsman, Jim Filby Williams, Sue Schumacher, Carmella Hatch, Lynn Schwarzkopf

Public Attendees: Debbi Rasmussen

Absent: None

Review and approve agenda

Motion by Sperl, seconded by Glazman, to approve the agenda adjusted so that ECRD presentation can begin the meeting. Motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

Public Comments: None submitted prior to meeting.

Review and approve minutes from January 26th, 2021

Motion by Ramsland, seconded by Sperl, to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

New Business

Every Child Ready Duluth strategic plan

Sue Schumacher, Lynn Schwarzkopf, and Carmella Hatch reviewed ECRD achievements, strategic plan, and community launch planned for March 23. Upcoming highlights include purchasing the Little Library Go van and mobile circulation, as well as launch of baby's first books program.

Reports

Library Manager's Report – Powers

Saturday curbside service has been going for a month. So far it has resulted in the spreading out of usage spread over 6 days rather than increased usage. However, this may have been impacted by the deliberate soft open with little advertising and unseasonably cold weather.

A new senior library tech for PR has been hired: Lyanne Valdez.

Friends Report – Ramsland

Limited updates due to Covid. Book sale postponed until 2022.

Foundation Report – Rosendahl

Libations will take place the third weekend of September. Committee is still unsure what it will look like this fall; it could be a virtual event.

Old Business

Update on restoring services and staffing

First priority is hiring a tech services coordinator (Librarian II position). The next priority is to hire some technicians to support future phases of reopening.

Research Assistance by appointment will begin soon. It will provide assistance from a librarian and access to materials that do not check out.

Staff is working to allow ISD 709 students and staff to meet at West Duluth for extra help and tutoring.

Ongoing Business

Advocacy

There is a meeting this Friday, Feb. 26 to plan for support for phased reopenings (grab and go) this spring.

Adjournment at 5:37 pm.

Next regular meeting: March 23, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. via WebEx.