

Waverly Public Library  
Board Meeting  
October 8, 2019

The Waverly Public Library Board of Trustees met at 5:15 p.m., October 8, 2019, in the Waverly Public Library conference room.

Present: Diane Blake, Ross Helgevold, Jim Janssen, Elaine Main, Erin Jones, Andrew Kahler, James Perry, Deanna McCue.

Absent: Linda Podhajsky.

Also present: Library Director Sarah Meyer-Reyerson, Administrative Assistant Denny Stufflebeam, Councilman Mike Sherer, and Teen Librarian Emily McClimon.

Meeting called to order by President of the Board Perry at 5:15 p.m.

Motion to accept the agenda for October 8 and minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting by Blake, Second Janssen. Approved.

Financials: A short 'checks' list this month and all expenses are normal. Movie night was a very successful collaboration with the Waverly Chamber of Commerce, who has already issued a check to cover half the expense. We are at a quarter of the year done on our budget. Revenues were somewhat smaller than last month. Moved to approve the financials by Janssen, second Jones. Approved.

*Agenda Item: Approve funding request for Bremer County Library Association contract with Bremer County (Waverly's request will be averaged with requests from other BC public libraries per bylaws; BCLA meeting Tues. Oct. 15th).* BCLA has in the past received \$5,000 from the County for technology classes that is considered separate from the BCLA contract. This year the technology classes will be focused on kids. Funding will be used to buy equipment for coding and robotics that will travel from library to library. It was discussed that it might be best to go together with other county libraries to request a cost of living increase for 20-21, even if technology classes cannot be funded next year. Moved to request 3% in Bremer County Funding increase along with the \$5,000 for technology education by Janssen, Blake second. Approved.

Discussion of NERF events at the Library. The board asked if the program had any incidents of concern. Emily McClimon, Teen Librarian who runs the program, has not had any problems with the kids taking part and hasn't had any parents voice any complaints. Kahler discussed some research he had done, which was mainly positive, showing similar play resulting in teamwork, play in a safe venue, and community building -- a Waverly neighborhood group began a similar NERF game night in a local park after enjoying the library activities. Motion by Janssen, "All current Youth programming be allowed to carry forward." Passed with unanimous consent. None opposed.

Strategic Planning Process: Next Steps -- Bring Facilitator Hank Bagelmann back for a second work study, to help the Library Board review and establish core values, vision, and mission. Looking at December or January.

Motion to adjourn by Blake, second Main, adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Ross Helgevold