

Waverly Public Library
Board Meeting
November 12, 2019

The Waverly Public Library Board of Trustees met at 5:15 p.m., November 12, 2019, in the Ike Ackerman Council Chambers of City Hall.

Present: Diana Blake, Ross Helgevold, Elaine Main, Erin Jones, Andrew Kahler, James Perry, Deanna McCue
Absent: Jim Janssen, Linda Podhajsky

Also present: Library Director Sarah Meyer-Reyerson, current City Finance Director Jenifer Mein, Outreach Librarian Kris Fagre, Councilman Mike Sherer.

1. Meeting called to order by President of the Board Perry at 5:15 p.m.
2. Motion to accept the agenda Moved: Blake, Second Kahler. Approved
3. Motion to accept minutes of the October 2019 meeting by Main, Second Blake. Approved
4. Motion to approve Financials for October 2019 by Main per standing resolution, Second Jones. Approved.
5. Announcement about 'Reach Out and Read' program by Kris Fagre
 - a. WPL is taking part in a new program: Reach Out and Read was established 30 years ago at Boston Medical Center. The program provides books to doctors so that children can get free age appropriate books while at their regular well-child appointments with physicians. The doctors can use the book to evaluate the child and use the opportunity to speak to the parent about the importance of reading in early brain development. It's estimated that a quarter of homes in the country have no reading materials at all, but through this program by the age of 5 a child will have 10 books at home. WPL has received a \$12,000 grant from the Geurnsey Charitable Foundation with an additional \$1,000 gift from the Friends of the Library to start this program. This is a renewable grant, and the \$13,000 total is for one year. WPL will begin with 2 clinics reaching 1,500 children, and will likely expand to more area clinics. MercyOne and Christophel Clinic are participating. Families from Waverly, Janesville, Shell Rock, Plainfield, Nashua, and Tripoli will be served by this new program connecting young families to reading through their health care provider and WPL.
6. Two policy revisions were brought to the Board by the Personnel & Policies Committee
 - a. Behavior Policy: Language was updated in the Behavior Policy regarding Prohibited Items.
 - b. Collection Development Policy: Updated to include language recommended by the American Library Association regarding the Right to Privacy (Article VII of the Library Bill of Rights).
 - c. All in favor of approving both policy revisions, none opposed. Approved.
7. Presentation of Waverly Public Library Annual Report and Accomplishments, 2018-19
 - a. Sarah Meyer-Reyerson presented on the effects of the elimination of fines as well as the information in the Annual Report which is to be presented to the City Council detailing statistics, programing, and events from the 2018-2019 year.
8. Motion to adjourn by Blake, Second Kahler. Adjourned.

Reminder that Waverly Public Library will be closed Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week, reflecting the City of Waverly schedule.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 10, 2019, at 5:15 pm in the Library Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted: Ross Helgevold