



Library Board November Meeting

Nov 11, 2021 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Call to order: MA, DB, CC, JC, MJ, SJ

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes Oct 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. 2022 Budget Discussion
5. New Business
 - a. Baron Property Discussion
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn



Director's Report

2022 Around the Corner

Please take some time to consider goals, aspirations and benchmarks the library should be, could be considering for 2022. The end of the year is a good time for evaluation, so what are we doing well, what can we do better and are there things we can add to improve the library experience?

Programs

STEM Kits created through a grant are just about ready to go out. We are partnering with the Hayward library to provide kits ranging from science based games, experiment tools, building components (circuits!) and more than I can list. All have books to accompany the kits. These will live at the VPL and the Hayward Library, but can be checked out by anyone with a Northern Waters Network card. Pretty Nice!

In-Person Story Time is on! Slowly, families are starting to attend. We will be doing some take-out craft kits this winter for kids. Also, some family night programs in the evening. The local improv group would like to do after school improv for students and maybe a Saturday session.

Book Buzz, the book club for inquisitive adults continues on. We're reading *The Cherry Orchard* by Anton Chekhov this month. We meet in person & usually have about 5 folks attending.

Building & Architects

Alex & team will be here Nov 30 & Dec 1 for more workshopping. This stage includes some drawings and maybe 3 dimensional pieces to "play" with as we refine plans based on public input. There will be a noon hour public meeting and a five pm public meeting on Dec 1st. It would be wonderful to have board members attend one of them. They'll be at City Hall in the council chambers so we don't have to fight the columns.

The Baron property is back on the market, \$35,000 - \$38,000. It is no longer being sold to Betty Baron's daughter & son-in-law for a coffee cafe. Ms. Baron has met with Megan McBride (City Planner) and expressed a wish NOT to sell it to the city. Ms. Baron would like it to remain some kind of automotive repair shop. There is one person interested who wants to put an auto detailing shop there. City planning would love to have it food related ; coffee or sandwich or ?? but does not have a solid buyer in that industry. My request to the Friends & the Board is to consider purchasing the property. So, let's discuss at the meeting.

Staff

Hannah Sorensen is our new part-time good morning librarian. She is doing great & we are pleased to have the help! I will be posting an additional part time position for the afternoon which will include some social media responsibilities.

That is all,
Thanks for reading!

Sarah Adams