Cadott Library Board of Trustees-September 9, 2019

Opening: Meeting was called to order by President Kotek at 4:30 PM.

Roll call/Establish Quorum/Compliance of Open Meeting Law: Board members present: Kotek, Huhn, Kaste and Mackie. Quorum was established. We are in compliance of Open Meeting Law. Also present: Library Director Samma Johnson.

Approval of Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes and Bill Payment: Motion was made by Huhn/Kaste to approve today’s agenda. Minutes were read from our August 12th meeting. An unnecessary “it” was struck. A motion was made by Huhn/Kotek to approve the corrected minutes. A motion was then made by Kotek/Mackie to approve payment of the July bills. All aforementioned motions carried.

Library Director’s Report:

Samma read her director’s minutes to the board. Final numbers for our summer reading program came in at 80 participants. There were 10 summer programs, in all, with a total of 216 participants. RPG nights and Kids Coding have not had any interest. Samma will try Kids Coding at a different time slot down the road.

The library booth at the Cadott Elementary School went quite well. Samma registered 14 new cardholders. The library will be hosting “Lumberjack Bill” Jamerson at the Cadott Elementary School on Sept. 11 at 1pm. This is open to the public.

Our October book club will have a guest facilitator, Jeni from the Family Support Center in Chippewa Falls, leading a discussion regarding the issue of domestic abuse as October is Domestic Abuse Awareness month. The book read will have been Picture Perfect by Jodi Picoult.

Samma has added some much needed nonfiction titles to our kids and young adult sections. Our Friends group will be conducting their last book sale for the year during Booya Days. Samma will then find a suitable spot for donating the leftover materials.

Samma reported that the Director’s Boot Camp she attended in August was very informative, especially in the area of community outreach. Samma will be attending the Directors’ Council on Sept. 20 where she will be delivering a co-presentation with Leah Langby about the Inclusive Services Guide.

Other Current Business

The next item on the agenda was the second review of our employee handbook. Some needed subject/pronoun agreement changes still need to be made. Next month we will have our last look at this.

After board review and discussion of the two proposed 2020 budget options prepared by Director Samma, a motion was made by Huhn/Kaste, and approved by our board, to present the higher option to the Cadott Village Board at their October 7th meeting.

The board then reviewed the applications for a rural representative that had been received. The board vote resulted in Anna Hager being chosen. These votes will be reported to the village board.

Next on the agenda was discussion of final survey reports and setting some dates for listening sessions and/or focus groups. The board decided to proceed first with setting up two listening sessions from which results will be recorded revolving around the question of “What can the library do for you?” One of these will be a morning time slot at the Halfway tavern and the other will be at the Cadott School District in the evening, hopefully in conjunction with the PPTC conferences. Board members will firm up these October dates and times and they will be advertised accordingly. Ideas from these sessions will flow in to future focus groups. We will reach out to civic groups to attend these groups that we intend to hold at Halfway tavern.

The next agenda item was a board review for our director Samma. A motion was made by Kotek/Mackie, and the motion carried, to move her review to our October meeting. Therefore, the board never moved to closed session.

With no public present, there were no comments. Huhn/Kaste motioned to close our meeting. This motion carried and the meeting closed at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Mackie, Secretary