

Dakota County Library Foundation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 15, 2019 4:30-6pm  
Wescott Library lower level Board Room

1. Meeting called to Order (Byrne).

Attendees were Roseanne Byrne, Jennifer Reichert-Simpson, Margaret Stone, Jed Taylor, Sara Galligan, Joan Utvik, Rachel Quick, Roxanne Mindeman and Marty Fischer

- Roseanne Byrne introduced Rachel Quick and welcomed her to the Board.

2. Minutes of November 5, 2018 meeting were approved as presented

3. Financial Reports as of 4/1/2019 (Byrne).

Account balances were reported:

- \$100.20 in Savings (Rosemount); this account will be closed.
- \$2584.49 in Checking (Rosemount); this account will be closed.
- \$50,671.80 in money market savings and CDs (Fidelity).  
Details available.

Through tenacity on Ms. Byrnes part, the “CD ladder account” at Fidelity has been opened. Balances at Fidelity include:

- Government Money Market: \$14,572 (Market Value).
- CD maturing August 2019: \$4999 (Market Value).
- CD maturing February 2020: \$10,007 (Market Value).
- CD maturing February 2021: \$10,035 (Market Value).
- The longest dated CD held at Fidelity is a CitiBank CD maturing 2/7/22, with market value \$11,057. This CD was identified as having been contributed by the family of Jo Lockwood.

Ms. Byrne noted that approximately \$1,500 of donations in memory of Beverly Ekholm had been received – probably the largest such donation amount of this type ever received -- and these donations were not yet deposited nor reflected in account balances above.

#### 4. Other Business

A request from the Dakota County Library, relating to the **Dakota County Seed Library**, was reviewed. As described by the DCL:

*“The new Dakota County Seed Library has been recently installed at the Farmington Library. It is a partnership with the Dakota County Master Gardeners from the UMN Extension office and provides free heirloom seeds for any resident to “borrow” and use in their personal home gardens. The Master Gardeners find free or reduced cost seeds, separate them out into smaller packets, and make them available at the library. The Gardeners also offer programming that supports our educational goals of encouraging healthy food choices and strengthening the local plant varieties for a more sustainable food ecosystem.*

*Our request to the Foundation at this time is the use of their name as a non-profit partner to facilitate our requests for donations. We are not asking for a dollar donation at this time.*

*Goal of this request.*

- *In order to receive free and donated seeds from seed companies such as Seed Savers, Harris seeds, etc., our group needs a nonprofit Employer Identification Number. Partnering with the DCLF will fulfill this requirement and facilitate donation requests and tax-free seed purchases on behalf of the Seed Library.*
- *Master Gardeners would acknowledge the Foundation as a partner in this service when requesting seeds and other Seed Library supplies.*
- *The Foundation would be listed in all Dakota County Library promotion about the Seed Library including website, print materials, and other promotions.”*

Mr. Taylor stated that unless controlled, hybrid seeds might infiltrate the Seed Library. Discussion followed regarding definition of “Heirloom” versus hybrids, and whether hybrids would somehow be mingled with and thus taint the heirloom seeds supply. Margaret Stone assured the group that

the Seed Library conforms with state and federal Seed Laws, which address such purity issues. She noted that Master Gardeners prefer to purchase Heirloom seeds, but many Heirlooms were hybrids at some point in their history.

Vegetable and flower seeds are offered in the program.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to support the DCL request.

- Hiring of Admin Assistant has not occurred. Any ideas from board members are solicited.
- Schedule of remaining 2019 meetings:
  - August 19
  - November 4

## 5. Library Update

Margaret Stone reported on the status of various library initiatives.

- Fine Forgiveness week has ended, with the number of “unblocked” users exceeding 1,000 – substantially more than expected. Results are being analyzed, and individual “stories” relating to users’ loss and recovery of their library privileges are being captured. Substantial amounts of lost materials were recovered.
- “Visit Kits”, for users who visit dementia sufferers, have been purchased. Material in these kits facilitate communication and memory sharing.

## 6. Adjourn (Byrne)