



Dakota County Library Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6th, 2020 **Time:** 5:30 pm **Location:** Online

The meeting was conducted remotely due to COVID-19.

Attendees

Rachel Quick, Dixie Ohlander, Joan Utvik, Marty Fischer, Jennifer Reichert-Simpson, Roseanne Byrne, Kathy Boyd, Roxanne Mindeman, Jed Taylor, Sara Galligan

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved. Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Financial Report

Marty Fischer noted our investments are down a bit from the beginning of the year. We have \$24,000 in a money market account, which offers liquidity; we have 3 CDs at approximately \$11,000, \$10,000, and \$10,000 that will mature in 2021, 2022, and 2023. Rachel Quick reported that she is exploring other banking systems as Fidelity is not responsive, lacks a personal contact, and our access has been limited. She is looking at Ameriprise; Roseanne Byrne agreed that it's time to move to another system.

Additional Funding Requests

Jennifer Reichert-Simpson reported that there were no funding requests at this time. She stated that there will be some requests by our next meeting in January—she'll send the requests to Rachel before the next meeting.

Library News

Jennifer gave a report on recent and upcoming library activities: Saturday hours will begin at all locations on October 31 (9-5); the library system received some funding from the Corona Virus Relief Act that will help with adding more WiFi and the purchase of Chromebooks and hotspots. They will create 250 hot spot/Chromebook kits and another 428 hot spots that will be available for checkout. They are working with other agencies to offer the kits to families in need (50% of households in Dakota County don't have consistent access to the Internet). CARE money is also going toward virtual job and small business classes which are listed on the library website. Virtual story times have been very successful. ASL classes were offered

and were attended by teens and adults. They are featuring classes with local artists and mailed supplies to some attendees. In-person programs will be tested, and they are hoping for in-person capability in late spring/early summer 2021.

Roseanne asked about the new manager at the Wentworth branch. Jennifer said that Jade Cabagnot was taking over; we should invite her to our next meeting. There also should soon be a new manager at the Inver Glen branch. Murray Wilson retired after working in the system for many years—and Roseanne commented that he should be considered as a future member of our board.

Fundraising

Rachel reported that \$250 had been donated in honor of Beth Gibson. There have been requests about estate planning; Rachel will explore this and put something on our website about donations and estate planning. Two recurring donations continue to come in; we received a several one-time donations totalling \$631.

Dixie Ohlinder asked about the HYVEE red bag effort that didn't materialize. Due to the pandemic, the red bags are a scarcity—we will try this fundraiser again when reusable bags are deemed safe. We're also participating in the GiveMN fundraiser.

Next Meeting

January 5, 2021 at 4:30PM—location to be determined/virtual

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Galligan