

AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2022; 4:30 p.m.

Chairperson Melissa Bonorden called the regular meeting of the Austin Public Library Board to order at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, April 11, 2022, at the Austin Public Library.

PRESENT: Melissa Bonorden, Kristi Beckman, Jwokamer Debock, Sue Grove, Ted Hinchcliffe, Shannon Lysne, Alex Mayfield, Stephanie Postma

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Baldus (County Commissioner), Joyce Poshusta (City Council), Sara Steinhoff

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Nitaya Jandragholica

AGENDA:

Stephanie Postma moved to approve the agenda as presented; Sue Grove seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ted Hinchcliffe, seconded by Shannon Lysne, to approve the March 14, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

EXPENSES AND FINANCE REPORTS:

Following board review of expenses, a motion was made by Stephanie Postma to approve expenditures and accept the finance reports for March of 2022. Sue Grove seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

SELCO REPORT:

Sue Grove reported she has agreed to serve on SELCO's Executive Committee for another year.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Joyce Poshusta advised City Council is proceeding with the usual spring projects. Jeff Baldus noted the County is also focused on regular business and consideration of how to distribute Mower County Resilience Grants to best utilize \$500,000 in ARPA funds.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

In Director Clinefelter's absence, Sara Steinhoff presented the library's 2021 annual report, which is submitted each year to the Minnesota Department of Education's State Library Services. Board members reviewed the data and received clarification on a number of data points from Steinhoff. A motion was made by Sue Grove, seconded by Alex Mayfield, to approve the annual report as presented. Motion carried. Board Chairperson Melissa Bonorden signed the report as required.

OPERATIONAL REPORT:

Board members reviewed Director Julie Clinefelter's written operational report.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Sue Grove reminded board members of the upcoming Austin Page Turners events in April. Several board members expressed appreciation for the work of the library staff during recent weeks with the shortage of staff and library director's leave of absence. Jeff Baldus provided information on the 2022 Artworks Festival, and Ted Hinchcliffe advised of the KSMQ 50th Anniversary event on September 17.

ADJOURNMENT:

Kristi Beckman moved to adjourn at 5:10 p.m.; Jwokamer Debock seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Steinhoff, Recording Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING – Monday, May 9, 2022, 4:30 p.m.