

Library Board Minutes (Mabel D. Blodgett Memorial Reading Center) 4/17/2023

Members Present by phone: Lyn Magill, Chandra Gilman

Absent: Krystine Leo

All others, including Karen Sprentall, Heather Bassett, Joanne Le Clair, Dodie Baker and Dawn LeMay, present at the library

Lynn called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.; minutes from the previous meeting on Feb. 20, 2023, (motion to accept by Heather and seconded by Karen) were approved. It was noted that once we are officially chartered, minutes can be posted at the library, on its Facebook page, and Lynn will check the state handbook to see if anything else is needed.

Dodie presented the updated budget proposal and reminded us the Marcus Whitman School District budget proposal voting will take place on May 16 from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., Brian Hildreth, our STLS liaison, suggested to send reminders of this event to our contact lists, hand out bookmarks to patrons with the date and times, create fliers about our programs that are occurring now through Christmas, post on our Facebook page, as well as the Gorham / Stanley site, letters to the editors, etc., most of which has been done in the past. He already cautioned that we cannot print anything like "Vote 'Yes' for the library budget."

Perusing the budget proposal, it is noted that under "Variance Unused from 2022" there is an amount of \$9,890.78 that is being moved into a savings account for future use. Dodie noted a couple of areas for improvements where some of this money could be applied **after** some research as to how much these would cost. One is a new electrical, programmable sign out front and moving our historical Mabel D. Blodgett sign to the back yard, preserving the history associated with it. The second is to install outdoor electrical for events held at the library, like Christmas in Rushville.

Lynne asked Dodie to brief us on the Village Board Meeting last Monday and upcoming programs. (New Business) We will participate in the Memorial Day Parade, which is being held in Rushville this May, and Dodie is getting some of our children to dress as different colored crayons and teens as Sharpies. The Summer Reading Program will be held on Tuesdays July 11, 18, 25, and Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Highlights include Wildlife Rock Stars on July 18th, discussing how to care for injured animals that can't be released back in the wild; and Aug. 1st, going to the Moody Trail and program picnic. The second Party in the Park will be held Aug. 26th, celebrating the Yates County Bi-centennial. A parade is being planned and the library is hoping to submit a small float for this event. Large Print Books have been requested, and Dodie has taken advantage of a 30% discount sale to boost our collection, and the new titles are inspiring lots of sign-out requests. There is no new information yet from our STLS liaison, Brian H., as to the questions we had last month regarding payroll and billing once we are charted. We are still working on insurance with the Village, and the Village will still approve and appoint trustees

for the library. Pat, who is an IT with STLS, is set to visit us April 10th with a fibre optic company representative to see how we can add fibre optics here at the library. Also, on April 24th, Dodi is going to STLS Painted Post to learn about upcoming solar and space events in relation to possible library programming. They will be sharing solar glasses/protective eyewear.

Finally, Joey Le Clair volunteered to conduct another Book Club event for September and a Poetry Writing Workshop in October that were both warmly accepted by the group. She will talk over dates and times with Dodie prior to our next meeting on May 15th, 2023.

Having no further business to discuss, Lyn adjourned this meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Le Clair, secretary