

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY
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LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 2023

The Anoka County Library Board met at the Northtown Library meeting room on February 27, 2023. Present were Board Members: Burns, Case, Fast, Fillbrandt, Kost, Strombeck, Orpen, and Commissioner Jeppson.

Also, present: Colleen Haubner, Library Director; Judy Soule, Supervisor, Systems Administration; Erin Straszewski, Manager, Library Community Engagement; Sarah Hawkins, Manager, Library Collections; Amy Fettig, Branch Manager, St. Francis Library; Ronda Bliss, Administrative Assistant.

Present via WebEx: Rob Yount, Assistant County Attorney; Dana Weigman, Supervisor, Administrative Services

Meeting was called to order by Board President Orpen at 5:31 p.m. and a quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Burns	x	
Case	x	
Fast	x	Arrived at 5:39 p.m.
Fillbrandt	x	
Kost	x	
Strombeck	x	
Orpen	x	

AGENDA

At the request of board member Strombeck the minutes were removed from the consent agenda and moved to discussion and the Koios update will be presented at the next meeting. Kost moved to accept the agenda with the changes, and it was seconded by Strombeck, and the motion carried unanimously.

Fast arrived at 5:39 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Public were present but did not participate in the open forum.

LIBRARY IMPACT STORY

Fettig provided the library impact story.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Strombeck, second by Fillbrandt the consent agenda was approved unanimously, with the changes.

January 27, 2023, Library Board Minutes were approved with an amended change to Item 1 in the Library Director's report. The last sentence was removed.
Gifts for February of \$1329.07 were accepted.
Bills for the month of January totaling \$195,986.26 were paid.

INFORMATION ITEMS

NORTH CENTRAL BRANCH REPORT

Fettig presented the North Central Library branch report.

MELSA UPDATE LEGISLATIVE DAY

Hawkins reported that she will be testifying at 2 hearings on February 28th during library legislative day at the capitol. There will be 7 meetings that will be attended by library staff and Commissioner Jeppson. Hawkins will also send the bill numbers to the board members to reach out to their legislators.

FRIENDS UPDATE

Straszewski shared that the Friends newsletter has been published, they are planning another book sale for May at Centennial Library, and they will be hosting 3 cupcake decorating classes for kids. She also reported that the 6th annual local author's fair held on Saturday, February 25th was a huge success.

COLLECTION DIVERSITY AUDIT UPDATE

Hawkins gave an update on the diversity makeup of our collection.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Haubner presented the following in her report:

1. Hiring Update – The new Assistant Director will be starting March 20th and the branch managers for St. Francis and Johnsville will start on March 13th. There will be a posting for a FT Librarian and a Branch Manager at Rum River.
2. Wilder Strategic Planning sessions have been set for March 23, April 20, and May 18 at the Bunker Hills Activity Center. It will be June before we have a product to present.
3. Policy Review Committee – members will be Sara Fillbrandt, Sarah Hawkins, Colleen Haubner and Richard Orpen. The committee will meet in July to review the Community Art Display, and Patron Conduct Policies, and the Reconsideration Process.

FUTURE TOPICS

There were no requests for future topics.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bliss
Administrative Assistant