

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY
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LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES MARCH 2023

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

Absent: Fast, Fillbrandt

Also, present: Colleen Haubner, Library Director; Dee Guthman, Deputy County Administrator; Rob Yount, Assistant County Attorney; Benjamin Coburn, Assistant Library Director; Dana Weigman, Supervisor, Administrative Services; Judy Soule, Supervisor, Systems Administration; Erin Straszewski, Manager, Library Community Engagement; Becky Walpole, Branch Manager, Crooked Lake Library; Ronda Bliss, Administrative Assistant.

Meeting was called to order by Board President Orpen at 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Burns	x	
Case	x	
Fast		X
Fillbrandt		x
Kost	x	
Strombeck	x	
Orpen	x	

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION – Benjamin Coburn, Assistant Library Director, was introduced to the board and he shared information regarding his experience with library systems across the country.

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW – Straszewski played the 2022 Year in Review slideshow.

AGENDA

The board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

LIBRARY IMPACT STORY

Walpole provided the library impact story.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Kost, second by Strombeck the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

February 27, 2023, Library Board Minutes approved.

Gifts for March of \$10,576.46 were accepted.

Bills for the month of February totaling \$291,867.33 were paid.

ACTION ITEMS

2022 ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT (2023-003)

On a motion by Case, second by Burns the Library Board approved the submission of the Annual Report to the State.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CROOKED LAKE BRANCH REPORT

Walpole presented the North Central Library branch report.

MELSA UPDATE

Commissioner Jeppson provided the MELSA update on Phase funds and Open Access to Libraries.

WINTER READS

Straszewski reported on the Winter Reads program. The number of readers and minutes logged has increased over 2022.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Haubner provided the legislative update.

FRIENDS UPDATE

Straszewski shared the Friends are planning another book sale at Centennial Library May 20, and that they held their first of three cupcake decorating classes for kids. The last class is on April 15 at NTN.

IQ KITCHEN

Haubner reported that the library had their first successful IQ Kitchen reservation by a local daycare.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Haubner presented the following in her report:

1. Library Union – Bureau of Mediation Services determined that the union's proposed bargaining unit is not an appropriate collective bargaining unit
2. First Quarter Budget Review

FUTURE TOPICS

Wilder Report

Google Ads

Update on Bibliotecha

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bliss
Administrative Assistant