

Gering Public Library

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The Gering Public Library Board will meet on Tuesday, April 18th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Gering Library Community Room.

AGENDA

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Public Comments (Board reserves the right to limit the length of time a citizen may speak)
- 3) Approval of minutes as written
- 4) Reading and approval of statistical & financial reports
- 5) Approval of the bills
- 6) Library Director's report
- 7) Unfinished business
- 8) New business
 - Resignation of Tracy Henderson
 - Appoint a liaison to the Gering Library Friends
 - Appoint a liaison to the Gering Public Library Foundation
 - Watch a video for accreditation
- 9) Closed session (Board reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary)

MINUTES OF THE March 21, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Present:

Board Members: Tracy Henderson, Michelle Moore, Mary Robinson, Brad Gross, Jeff Kelley
Library Director: Christie Clarke

Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Sherry Preston spoke during public comments about the ALL program and events coming up in April. She invited the board to visit one or more of the programs and handed out flyers. Board members reviewed the February 21, 2023 board meeting minutes. Henderson asked for a motion to approve. Moore motioned to approve them and Kelley seconded it. The vote was called. "Ayes": Henderson, Moore, Gross, Robinson, Kelley. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. The vote passed unanimously. Next, the board reviewed February stats and expenditures. Clarke explained that numbers are still low for program attendance and library visits in general due to the bad weather continuing in February and subsequent early library closings on a few days. After discussion, Kelley motioned for a vote to approve expenditures and Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was called. "Ayes": Henderson, Moore, Gross, Robinson, Kelley. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. The vote passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

1. Clarke reported that youth services librarian, Kira Perez, had purchased her own American Library Association membership and signed up for the mentorship program. She has been assigned a mentor and has regular Zoom meetings with her.
2. Clarke reported that Kira Perez and public services librarian, Sherry Preston, had written and been awarded a NE Arts Council grant for performer Michael Fitzsimmons out of Omaha to provide the ending program for Summer Reading. He is also going to be providing a program for the ALL group as well. He is a drummer and provides an interactive program for attendees. Further, he has experience with all ages and types of audiences including adults with cognitive disabilities like the library ALL group.
4. Clarke stated that the TAG Launch (Teen Advisory Group) was not well attended due to the snow storm so Kira Perez will revisit this Launch during Summer Reading.
3. Clarke reported that the BEAM projection system is up and running in the children's space. White foam floor tiles still need to be ordered for this system.
4. Clarke stated that the Friends annual book sale would be held April 19th-29th in the community room.
5. Clarke reminded the board that the library along with the city will be closed on Arbor Day, April 28th.
6. Clarke reported that the new ADA public computer desks will arrive in April. She also reported that the new public computers had arrived at Intralinks and that they were getting them ready for use with the new desks.

Unfinished Business

-Henderson announced that she will step down from the board after the May meeting.

-Board officer elections were held:

Robinson nominated Kelley for board president. Robinson then motioned for a vote and Moore seconded the motion. The vote was called. "Ayes": Robinson, Henderson, Gross, Moore, Kelley. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. The vote passed unanimously. Jeff Kelley is the new board president. Moore said she would run for vice president again. Robinson motioned for a vote and Kelley seconded. The vote was called. "Ayes": Robinson, Kelley, Henderson, Moore, Gross. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. The vote passed unanimously. Michelle Moore retains the board vice presidency.

-The board watched the ALA video titled, "Board Meetings" for accreditation.

New Business:

-Clarke submitted new library mission and vision statements for adoption. The board reviewed the statements and held a discussion about adding these statements to all library policies. Clarke will research how other public libraries handle this topic and will report back to the board. Moore motioned for a vote to adopt the new statements and Kelley seconded. A vote was called. "Ayes": Moore, Henderson, Kelley, Gross, Robinson. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. The vote to adopt was passed unanimously.

Henderson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Christie Clarke
Library Director