

Spies Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, Aug.20, 2021, 10 AM

Minutes

Present: Jim Anderson

Paul Haupt

Sandy Kuber-absent

Doug Schoen

Jan Shetter

Blair Nelson—library director and note taker

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM.

Doug Schoen **made a motion to approve the agenda.** Jim Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Jan Shetter **made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2021.** Jim Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report—The end of the fiscal year (June 2021) financials were presented to the board. The library's budget had a surplus of \$38,831.52. The M & M Foundation is the new home of the Klar funds. \$1.8 million—the total Klar Bequest—was transferred into the Foundation. \$142,773 from the Klar Fund was scheduled to go into the library's budget, but since there was a surplus, only \$112,785.73 was used.

Director's Report—The library will be adding regular Saturday hours starting in September—unless there are issues with the Delta variant having a breakout here; we are watching the school situation very carefully. The library is still closed to in-person meetings and gatherings (except for library board meetings and Friends of the Library meetings), but planning to resume those again starting in September. As a reminder, the library decided to not require masks (save for young children), but encourage them for those who are unvaccinated. We are still sanitizing areas for safety after patron use of those areas. Madelyn Besaw resigned for a new position as Adult Services Librarian at Stephenson Public Library, in Marinette. We wish her well. Two her hires, at 15 hrs./wk. have accepted the position.

Library Happenings—The Summer Reading Program wrap-up program was Thursday Aug. 5. 93 people attended. Close to 100 people came to see Birdy of Prey. Speaker was excellent. 87 people came to see Tom Pease; that is the combined numbers for his two programs. We had 187 participants for the Plein Air Painting program! Gotten more funding through the Superiorland Library Cooperative provided \$150 for other two other plein air painting programs at the DAR and YMCA. Blair applied for Field of Interest grant through the M & M Foundation for YA/Teen author. They are not funding it.

Grants—Nothing to report

Strategic Plan. Blair informed the board that in late fall, 2021, he will start planning a new strategic plan for the library with more detailed planning to likely begin in Jan. 2022.

Old Business. The board decided not to pursue Auxilia, a company that manages businesses' fundraising and donors. It may be revisited in the future.

New Business. The board decided not to approve the financials as presented, because of questions on the Klar Funds affecting the library budget. Kathy Brofka, City Treasurer, will be requested by the board to be present for a special meeting regarding the Klar. Date is TBD. The board will be meeting with Paula from the M & M Foundation to get a general overview of management of the Klar funds. TBD. Both the meeting with Kathy and Paula may be combined into the same meeting. In other new business, the board approved using \$71,035 from the Klar Funds for 3 new HVAC units, which will include air purification systems and hail guards. This is over the budgeted \$48,500 for these projects, but reimbursement may come from a grant coming to the City of Menominee from the RESCUE Act. Also, if the budgeted funds for a new Fire Alarm System come in under the budgeted \$48,000, the difference could be made up from there. The board ratified paying for the library's new copier maintenance agreement, so that the \$400 could come up the 2020-21 budget surplus funds.

Superiorland Library Coop update: The COOP has chosen a new director, Dillon Geshel.

Doug Schoen **made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** Jan Shetter seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.

The next library board meeting will be Friday, Oct. 1, at 10 AM. This meeting will be an in-person meeting.