

Boulder Junction Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
June 14, 2022 – 3:30 pm

Call to Order: Murphy Blank called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm.

Roll Call of Members: Members present were Sue Fehlandt, Sara Fieweger, Ellen Murphy Blank, and Mary Van Grinsven (via Zoom at 4:15 pm). Laura Sass was absent with notice. Library Director, Cherie Sanderson, was also present and kept the minutes of the meeting.

Recognition of Visitors/Comments: None.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Fieweger to approve the agenda as presented with the Chair's discretion to move the order of items on the agenda. Motion seconded by Fehlandt. Motion carried.

Minutes Approval: Motion by Fieweger to approve the May 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes with one change to syntax on page three. Motion seconded by Fehlandt. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Fehlandt presented the May monthly report and the Year-to-Date financial report. End of May balance for the "5311" Checking Account is \$37,485.40 with \$3,581.64 segregated for the Reading Garden. End of May balance in the "Non-Profit 1012" Checking Account is \$16,926.19. Total funds available to the board at the end of May are \$53,830.71. Murphy Blank accepted the reports to be placed on file for audit.

Audit and Approval of Bills and Credit Card Transactions: Sanderson reviewed the bills to be paid. Bills to be paid by the library board total \$552.27. Bills to be paid by the Town total \$588.85. Bills already paid by the Town total \$5,977.22. Bills to be paid by the Friends total \$4,744.35. Motion by Fehlandt to approve payment of the bills as presented including the Marco bill when it arrives. Motion seconded by Fieweger. Motion carried.

Director's Monthly Report (taken directly from the report handed out at the meeting):

Circulation and Usage Statistics: See attached report.

Friends of the Library Update: The Friends annual newsletter/dues went out in the mail first week of May and has brought in \$7350. Luella and I have made the decision to put Coffee & Conversation on hold until the fall after no one showed up for the May gathering. The Annual Wine & Beer Tasting will take place Saturday, October 1, 2022. Lauren is chairing the event with many involved to help her.

Children's Programming Updates: Deb & Steve Halverson did a lot of repairs on our book walk stands. We have a new book walk up that starts at the reading garden, goes over to the park, and then around the baseball field. Summer Reading Program starts June 22. The first Outdoor Family Movie Night had 19 in attendance and went very well despite equipment issues. There will be another movie night on July 5 and a final summer movie night on August 24.

Adult Programming Update: Books clubs, Knitting, Mah Jongg, and Northern Waters Genealogy continue to meet. Many programs being offered this summer – see schedule, website, Facebook. I am partnering with Jenna at the Chamber to sponsor a “Music Collective” that meets a few times this summer – welcoming musicians and music lovers who want to gather, learn, and share songs and stories.

Grant Updates: No word on arrival of book bike yet. In the process of receiving the two hotspots from the ECF grant. More grants may be in the works with the LEAN partnership.

NWLS/NWLN Updates: NWLN/NWLS sub committees continue to meet. Digital committee made the recommendation to end Ancestry and Gale Courses subscriptions because usage is down, and cost is high. May pursue either putting those funds into more Overdrive purchases or another service.

Upcoming Events and Programs:

- **Boulder Junction Book Club – 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 pm**
- **Books & Brews Book Club – 1st Wednesday at 7 pm at Aqualand (or other locations)**
- **Mah Jongg – every Monday 1-4 pm in the library**
- **Knitting Club – first and third Wednesday 10 am to Noon in the Nordlof Conference Room**
- **June Art in the Library is student “Play” art for Playground Project**
- **July Art in the Library is Kate Reichl’s Astrophotography with a reception July 21 from 6-7 pm**
- **Tuesday, June 7 – Tuesday, August 30 – Weekly Flea Market & Used Book Sale – 8am-1pm**
- **Thursday, June 16 – NWBF Poetry Reading with Schuman and Tornes at 6 pm**
- **Saturday, June 18 – Playground Carnival and Concert 11am-6:30pm at BJCC**
- **Tuesday, June 21 - Town of Boulder Junction Monthly Town Board Meeting**
- **June 22-August 10 – Children’s Summer Reading Program**
- **Tuesday, June 28 – Author Rand Atkinson at 7 pm in Boulder Lake Room**
- **Thursday, June 30 – Northwoods Book Festival Headliner James Edward Mills at 6 pm**
- **Monday, July 4 – Library Closed for Independence Day – Book Bike in Parade??**
- **Tuesday, July 5 – Northern Waters Genealogical Society Meeting at 6 pm**
- **Tuesday, July 5 – Outdoor Family Movie Night at 8:30 pm**
- **Monday, July 11 – Friends of the Library Meeting at ??? time TBD**
- **Thursday, July 14 – Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 4 pm**
- **Thursday, July 14 – Author and Naturalist, John Bates at 7 pm in the Boulder Lake Room**
- **Thursday, July 21 – Astro-Photographer (Northern Lights and Milky Way photography), Kate Reichl at 7 pm in the Boulder Lake Room**
- **Tuesday, July 26 – Town of Boulder Junction Monthly Town Board Meeting at 6 pm**
- **Thursday, August 4 – Author Roger Simpson at 7 pm in the Boulder Lake Room**
- **Thursday, August 11 - Northwoods Book Festival presentation with Melissa Faliveno at 6 pm at the Boulder Junction Community Center**
- **Friday, August 12 - Art Reception for Lakeland Art League August exhibit - 4-5:30 in the library**
- **Thursday, August 18 – Storyteller and Historian, Joe McHugh at 7 pm in Boulder Lake Room**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION):

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action – Reading Garden Update – garden maintenance and new memorial bench:** Sanderson notified the board that a relative of Pastor Bob Anderson was purchasing a memorial bench to be placed in the Reading Garden. We will also contribute the memorials we have received toward the payment of the bench. Discussion about ongoing garden maintenance centered on who could help and when they could help. No action taken.
- b. **Discussion and Possible Action – Art in the Library Update:** The artist approved for the September exhibit had to back out. Motion by Fieweger to approve Mindy Schnell's watercolor class members for the September exhibit. Motion seconded by Fehlandt. Motion carried.
- c. **Discussion and Possible Action –2022 Operations Calendar Monthly Review:** Current items were reviewed. No action taken.
- d. **Discussion and Possible Action – Strategic Plan Sections 2 & 3:** The board discussed changes to Sections 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan. In August, they will discuss changes to Sections 4.

NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION):

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action – Approve Recommendation to the Town Board for Nancy Harvey to replace Sue Fehlandt on the Board of Trustees:** Motion by Fehlandt to approve the recommendation to the Town Board to appoint Nancy Harvey to the town board when her (Fehlandt) term expires June 30, 2022. Motion seconded by Fieweger. Motion carried.
- b. **Discussion and Possible Action – Approve Mobile Hotspot Policy, Mobile Hotspot Lending Agreement, and Revised Circulation Policy:** Tabled until next month.
- c. **Discussion and Possible Action – Approve Revised NWLN Compliance Agreement and Network Agreement:** Motion by Fieweger to approve the revised 2022 NWLN Compliance Agreement. Motion seconded by Fehlandt. Motion carried. There is no revised Network Agreement at this time.

Set Date and Time for Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19 with time to be determined with both in person and Zoom if needed.

Adjourn: Murphy Blank adjourned the meeting by consent at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Cherie Sanderson on July 12, 2022