

Prairielands Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, June 3, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Online

Marshall, MN

Present: Jan Louwagie, Special Library Representative; Deb Lanthier, Public Library Representative; Kate Borowske, Academic Library Representative; Shelly Grace, Prairielands; Maureen Keimig, Prairielands.

President Louwagie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Lanthier motioned to adopt the agenda with the date of the minutes amended to March 6, 2021, and the election of officers added under item 9; Borowske seconded. Motion carried.

(Agenda Item 3) Borowske motioned to approve the March 6, 2021, minutes; Lanthier seconded. Motion carried.

(Agenda Item 4) Prairielands Activities

Twenty-one libraries applied for the Teen Summer Read Grant before the May 28th deadline. Six of the seven Teen Programming Kits have been delivered to the regions. Grace held back the drones until she can arrange a demonstration. Grace discussed the latest Member Council Meeting Minutes with the Board. The new page on the Prairielands site, called Shares, launched with member libraries sharing crafts and a reference guide for government documents.

(Agenda Item 5) Director's Report, March - May. Grace reviewed her Director's Report with the Board.

(Agenda Item 6 a-d) Financials

Grace reviewed the Financials with the Board. Borowske motioned to accept the quarterly financial report and funds review as presented; Lanthier seconded. Motion carried. Lanthier motioned to accept proposed budget for FY2021-22; Borowske seconded. Motion carried. Grace discussed possible recovery funds from the government offered to the Multitypes, and suggested Prairielands could use these to hire a school librarian to help Prairielands strengthen ties with school libraries.

(Agenda Item 7) Library Futures

Grace shared an exercise with the Governing Board that she learned during an online workshop on strategic forecasting. Grace asked the Board to think about whether this would be a workshop that Prairielands could offer to library staff or directors.

(Agenda Item 8) Personnel

The Personnel Committee reviewed the director's job performance favorably.

(Agenda Item 9) Other -Election of Officers

Borowske nominated the current slate of officers of the Governing Board for the 2021-22 fiscal year; Lanthier seconded. Motion carried.

Lanthier motioned to adjourn; Borowske seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.