

Prairielsands Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2020 – 6 p.m.

Online

Minutes

Present: Jan Louwagie, Special Library Representative; Abigail Duly, Pioneerland Library Representative; Deb Lanthier, Public Library Representative; Kate Borowske, Academic Library Representative; Dennis Ulrich, Pioneerland Library Representative; Deb Forbrook, School Library Representative; Shelly Grace, Prairielsands, and Maureen Keimig, Prairielsands.

President Louwagie called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Duly motioned to adopt the agenda; Ulrich seconded. Motion carried.

(Agenda Item 3) Borowske motioned to approve the June 4, 2020, minutes; Duly seconded. Motion carried.

(Agenda Item 4) Prairielsands Activities:

Prairielsands has reimbursed \$712.96 for Teen Summer Read Grants so far. Applications are now open for the TeenTober Grants and four libraries have already applied. Grace had a good discussion with the Teen Co-Op about grants and the online survey results for the monthly online conversation series. The Member Council did not meet in August due to lack of a quorum. Grace emailed the Council and received some constructive feedback. Grace talked with the School Library Committee about the definition of a solo librarian. Some school library staff spend most of their days working alone, though they technically work under a supervisor. Others have part-time help who do not assist with administrative duties. They decided to consider anyone who spends at least half a day working alone and/or makes at least half the decisions for the library a solo librarian. The new strategic plan focuses on reaching out to the librarians who work alone.

(Agenda Item 5) Director's Report, June-August. Grace reviewed her Director's report with the Board.

(Agenda Item 6 a-b) Financials

Grace reviewed the Financials with the Board. Duly motioned to accept the quarterly financial report and funds review as presented; Lanthier seconded. Motion carried.

(Agenda Item 6c) Author Grants

Grace received a request from a library that was awarded a FY21 Author Grant to allow them to carry it over to FY22 due to attendance limitations caused by the Corona Virus. Borowske motioned to allow carrying over FY2021 Author Grants to FY2022 and to allow FY2021 Author Grant recipients to also receive FY2022 Author Grants; Forbrook seconded. Motion carried.

(Agenda Item 7) Strategic Plan

Reporting on progress made on the Strategic Plan, Grace presented Prairielsands' new Professional Development and revised School Library Resources web pages to the Board. The first monthly Zoom talk will be on September 29th.

Duly motioned to adjourn; Lanthier seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.