

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING NOTES
MARCH 24, 2022**

Opened at 3:30 PM

Present: Gloria Nicholson, Becky Ketchum, Marnie Bottesch, Jill Lawrence, and Nina Pleasants, Librarian.

First order of business: Election of Officers

Becky Ketchum, Chairman

Gloria Nicholson, Vice Chairman

Marnie Bottesch, Secretary

Meeting notes of February 24, 2022 meeting accepted.

Librarian's report discussed. Need to go back to statistical report developed last year—base reporting on full month (March 1 to March 31; April 1 to April 30, etc.) and show details on: unique visits- #times visited, total unique patrons, total number of unique children, etc. Becky will give Nina copy of the last report. Nina has started a Facebook page for the Book Club and to advertise this Saturday's Maple Saturday Event. She has also published the March Newsletter. The signboard placed out on the road has gotten attention and comments, and will be there for coming events.

Nina will attend the MSL March 25 webinar on Oceans of Possibilities, which is this summer's reading program. She will share what she learns with the board at the next meeting. We need to have all the plans/materials for this ready to send home to the kids the last day of school.

Upcoming events (all with 10:30 start times): March 25 – Maple Saturday

- Story Hour with craft: 2nd Tuesdays of the month: Apr 12/May10/Jun 14
- April 22 – Earth Day, perhaps a month-long display/Nina will work on this
- April 30 - Adult quilt collage - Board members will supply colored papers, wallpaper, etc. Need adult scissors.
- May 21 - Clay workshop - All ages Sallie will host this program.
- June 17 - Last day of school - Summer Reading Program material must be ready before this date to be included in school's packet (Note this is tentative "last" day; subject to snow days used, etc. We should plan to be ready the first week in June.)
- Becky also reminded us to mark our calendars: 8/6 Fire Safety Day and Sun/Mon of Labor Day Weekend library tables at airport and park.

Nina is investigating the ALA Grant.

Story Time: Gloria and Nina will work on developing flyer and reminder cards which can be given out to advertise Story Hour. Also need to utilize two recordings by Barbara Winslow. Gloria and Nina will also work on culling books from the children's section.

We settled on September 24 for the Chewonki program at the Grange Hall. Since they cannot bring a live animal, we may reconsider the programs. Marnie will bring program materials for consideration.

Jill volunteered to look at the new the ARPA-funded camera, event printer, etc. to try and get us up to speed.

Thoughts requested for a thank-you for Sallie Wilder for her long leading of and participation on the Library Board.

Nina suggested having a daily local paper for patron usage, but the cost is prohibitive. Having an on-line subscription is possible. She also suggested making the TV screen movable by having a tripod for the front of the library.

A scanner for the SML is to be purchased from remaining ARPA funds.

Book picks for March purchase:

Adjourned: 5:15 PM

Submitted by Marnie Bottesch, secretary

February 2022 Book Selections

- WE SHARE THE SAME SKY, Rachel Cerotti
- THE LOWERING DAYS, Gregory Brown
- WISH YOU WERE HERE, Jodi Picoult
- SONJA'S CHICKENS, Phobe Wahl
- A TALE FOR THE TIME BEING, Ruth Ozeki
- WOMAN RUNNING IN THE MOUNTAINS, Yuko Tsushima
- BEWILDERMENT, Richard Powers
- THE VIOLIN CONSPIRACY, Brendon Slocum
- WHAT STRANGE PARADISE, Omar El Akkad
- DWELLERS IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD - McNair
- THE WORDS I CHOOSE - McNair
- STEAL - Patterson
- CITY OF THE DEAD - Kellerman
- NOTHING TO LOSE - Jance
- HOUR OF THE WITCH - Bohjalian
- THE LOWERING DAYS - Gregory Brown