

**Meeting of Muehl Public Library Board**  
**Monday, May 5, 2023**  
**5:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Board President-Jason Finn, Pat Krull, Darla Dorosz, Lila Zastrow, Adam Schaumberg, Kristen Diermeier, Library Director-Elizabeth Timmins

**Regrets:** Sandy Heiden

**Guest:** Emma Finn

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Announcements:**

Happy May Day! Cindy crocheted flowers which were distributed at story time this morning. Hurray! Brightness on a snowy May Day.

**Reports**

- Minutes—April 3, 2023
  - Motion to approve the minutes by Pat Krull; second by Kristen Diermeier; motion carried. Pat: How many attended estate planning? Elizabeth: 32! Our foray into afternoon programming so patrons don't need to drive at night was a hit!
- Director's Report—April, 2023
  - Accepted as presented.
- Financial Report—April, 2023
  - In stack of papers at the meeting.
  - Motion to approve the financial report by Kristen Diermeier; second by Darla Dorosz; motion carried.
- Activities Report—Complete through end of March, 2023  
Accepted as presented. ET explained that active library cards are reported quarterly.

**Unfinished Business**

- Library app and new scanner  
Thank you to donor, who would like to be anonymous, for donation of the scanner. It is going well at counter station one for people who want to use the app for library card access! 😊
- Ideas you have about the library's budget future  
Critical to get direction (s) from the City Administrator.  
Look carefully and consider concessions.  
Uncertain if the council has any direction for the library?  
Kristen: the library offers experiences and activities for our community at little or no cost and access to other stuff that patrons may not be familiar with.  
ET said a new phone system is being installed, city departments wide, to save money. It will be voice over the Internet. We are keeping our fax line which uses

- a dedicated phone line. We will be interested to see the cost savings overall.
- Responses to City of Seymour survey that were about the library  
8 citizens wrote comments about the library. They were favorable but disappointing because of poor writing.

### **New Business**

- Freedom of Expression and Inquiry (Trustee Essential #22)  
We have our collection development policy up to date and our “Request for Reconsideration” form is also up to date.  
There is a possibility that high school student, Tommy Romanowski, (Independent Study) will be presenting about this topic at our June meeting.
- Infosoup library road trip, ET opened the kit during the meeting. Interested patrons get paperwork to get ink stamps on as they visit different libraries in Infosoup. Darla read about the prizes. The beginning date of the program is May 1 and the activity closes on July 15.  
When patrons get their stamp at our library we decided that they will get a gummy burger. (For HOTH!) Thanks, Lila and Adam!  
For people who cannot drive from library to library, there is an option to phone libraries and ask for a book recommendation. Then they are given a “secret code”. When we figured out the secret code for our library Adam almost fell off his chair laughing! 😊
- Fox Cities Book Festival, May 11 event featuring Josh Malerman...of interest if you are a fan of horror and/or have read Bird Box (made into a movie starring Sandra Bullock) or Malorie (the prequel). Kristen had an excellent idea to contact the high school. ET emailed the info to Michelle Anschutz. Darla also had us laughing out loud describing how she wanted to cover her windows after reading Bird Box! Emma had also seen the movie!
- Other things in stack of papers at your place: A postcard from Hawaii of a “board meeting” with surfers and their surfboards, ha ha.
- Bubble wonders program for summer reading kickoff will be 6/26 (grant); Polka program will be 8/18 (owed to us from the COVID years) and in honor of Deloris Clausen. Carlos Nieto, 7/20, publicity to be created and possibly covered by another grant.  
Kristen had a great idea that we post youtube videos of the programs two weeks in advance of them. Darla said to post them to the Seymour city FB group. Through experimentation we discovered ET is already a member. Yay!  
More laughter was generated when talking about some of the FB groups online and how crazy the conversations can be when they devolve!

All board business was concluded at 6:20, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held Monday, June 5, 2023, 5:30 PM