

# **Philipsburg Library Board Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

**Meeting Called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Vice -Chairperson Kendra Kanduch**

**Members Present:** Billie Kulaski; Kendra Kanduch; Keith Baxter; Kristen Vicedomini; Gina Vale; Leslie Casey; and Dorene Pfendler attending.

**Approval of Minutes:** Billie moved to approve the minutes from the April 2022 meeting and the motion was seconded by Keith. The motion passed unanimously.

**Clerk's Report:** Clerk, Dorene reviewed the report, clarifying the State Aid per Capita from the MT State Library. The Board looked at increasing some the budget for various line items; this will be discussed in more length during the budget preparation at the June meeting. Billie motioned to accept the Clerk's Report. Kieth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Librarian's Report:**

- Maintenance - Aaron McPherson has replaced the garbage disposal. There have not been any further leaks from the apartment upstairs; so it does not seem to be a consistent problem
- Grants - Kristen and Gina are reviewing the book list from Pilcrow (requests are due in August, and it is planned to be completed in July.; We have not heard back on the Townpump or Blackfoot grants, but should be soon; We did receive the Erate funding for 2023; The program offered the Healthy Granite County Network & Rural Health is set up and ready to be checked out. The Philipsburg Mail will be publishing some information about the program.; The Library did receive \$7K in grant funding from Headwaters.
- Misc. - the new flip up tables have finally arrived for the coffee shop. Scott will be putting them together and the board will need to decide what to do with the large table that is in the coffee shop right now. The Board thought it may be a good idea to place it in the basement.; Library will be closed on Memorial Day

## **Programs:**

- **Senior Sit and Fit Class:** This has been well attended with approximately 6-7 people each week. Katie Muhley from Healthy Granite County Network has taken this over, and the collaboration has saved the Library \$200 per month
- **Imagination Library:** We have received several new sign-ups for this program
- **Gardening Programs:** Mari Ferrari is leading this program, conducting two gardening classes and one foraging session per month during the growing season. She is also incorporating some gardening into the Kids summer camp programs. We may have her revisit herbal classes later in the year and she has started a permanent seed library for the Library and is preparing the greenhouse for summer programs.
- **Kids Summer Programs:** The Library coordinated with Krista Beattie so the programs don't interfere with school day camps and will begin on Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> and run through August 11<sup>th</sup> and run from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a reading program and other activities. Working with Mary Ferrari and Anita Immenschuh about helping with these programs, which will combine cooking, crafts, games, reading, and gardening. We will also be putting Coding Camp on hold unless Sue Sweeney would still like to try and do it this summer. There are going to be two special programs for kids including Bugs on the Move and an Annie Oakley Re-enactor.
- **Montana Humanities Program:** We have reached out to speakers with presentations of interest (so far only one response and it was for the Walk and Talk Program - Into the Wild with Muir and Pinchot); this was previously scheduled last fall but was canceled due to COVID, it is now scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- **Monthly Book Club:** Kathy Trina is managing book club in Charlene's absence.
- **Healthy Cooking Classes (Adults):** Katie Muhly of Healthy Granite County Network is interested in pursuing this program offering now that COVID is less of an issue. The details are still being worked out.
- **Forest Service Informational Programs:** Cameron Rasor District Ranger (Pintler District) hosted the first one and it had about five attendees. Based on the interest and attendance we are planning to continue these on a monthly basis. These are aimed at families with a focus on wildlife, appreciation of the wilderness, and safety & etiquette for recreation.
- **Upcoming ideas still to develop:** Forest Safety Class (working with Cameron Rasor at the Forest Service).

## **Friends Report:**

Friends account has \$36733.32; Library portion \$16324.38; expansion portion \$20,448.94

There is a meeting scheduled for June 5, 2022 (annual meeting at 10:00 a.m.) this will be focused around courtyard cleanup. There is also going to be a Library Open House, June 18, 2022 from 3:00 to 4:30, it would be appreciated if Library Board members attend. The Rotary concert will be on August 20<sup>th</sup> and the Friends are planning on doing a food truck. More details to come on this.

#### **Chamber Report:**

The Law Enforcement Museum is now open; A non-profit Rendezvous was held at the Granite County Museum on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The local 501c3's were in attendance to provide information about their cause.

Ladies Night at Flint Creek Outdoors is planned for June 9<sup>th</sup>; Blues Brews & BBQ is scheduled on June 18<sup>th</sup>; the Fireman's Clam Feed is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>; and July marks the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for Philipsburg Brewing Co.

Cathy Smith proposed that the Chamber do something long lasting to remember late Senator Mark Sweeney. The group agreed that a tree should be planted in his name.

Flags and Flowers hope to return in 2023 and in the meantime Chad Petek of Huffman Grocery has donated \$3K each year to help support the costs along with Fred Lurie, the Sapphire Gallery, and the Sweet Palace. Flowers will be hung on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business**

- Barbara Cahill Reappointment: The Board discussed the reappointment of Chairperson, Barbara Cahill and decided unanimously to recommend her for reappointment for another 5-year term.
- Studio Apartment Rental: The Board discussed the Studio Apartment rental and believe that the lease should continue with the current tenant.
- Library reviews of policies and procedures will resume in September.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 22<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.