

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY
707 COUNTY RD 10 NE
BLAINE, MN 55434

LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

The Anoka County Library Board met in the Meeting Room of the Anoka County Library, 711 County Rd 10 NE, Blaine MN on Monday, January 17, 2012 (Special Meeting). Present were: Board Members: Keister, LeTendre, Montain via skype, Thistle, Ward and Yeager. Absent: Falink and Commissioner Kordiak.

Also present: Ben Trapskin, Deputy Director Public Service, Marlene Moulton Janssen, Library Director, Bonnie Dishon, Library Board Secretary, Dave Bratvold, Maintenance Supervisor, Monica Campbell, Adult Services Manager, Mary Oliver, Youth Services Manager, Judy Soule, Business Applications Spec., Becky Loader, Columbia Heights Public Library Director and Sue Hall, Library Strategies, via phone.

Meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Ward at 5:30pm.

AGENDA

On a motion by LeTendre, second by Thistle, the Library Board unanimously adopted the agenda as presented.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

This special meeting was called to discuss potential alternatives for modifying the current strategic plan by using the community involvement process as previously discussed.

The Library Board determined that it wanted to utilize community members to provide input and direction when developing plans to position the Library for the future.

In discussions with the consultant, the Director came to the conclusion that using the work plan would not fulfill our needs. It was determined that examination of "game changers" or tipping points will be a better way to start the dialog.

The Library Board and Management Team discussed which members of the community should be brought to the discussion, how to advertise for people to volunteer to join and determined that two separate meetings should be held to accommodate various members of the public. Potential days/times identified were Thursday later afternoon/evening and Saturday later morning.

Moulton Janssen will send a list to the meeting participants outlining the community members identified in the discussion. She will also send a poll with dates (tentatively first few weeks in March) to choose from.

REVIEW AND APPROVE WORK PLAN

Director Moulton Janssen reviewed 2011 Library Improvements and Accomplishments. The Board and Management Team examined the proposed 2012 work plan and discussed recommendations and modifications. Moulton Janssen highlighted items in the work plan and discussed the Management Team's recommendations.

On a motion by Thistle, second by LeTendre, the Library Board unanimously adopted the 2012 Work Plan draft as presented.

On a motion by Thistle, second by Yeager, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita A Dishon
Library Board Secretary