

**Rosemary Garfoot Public Library Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

**Present:** Jane Varda, Carolyn Abbott, Mary Mirkes, Bill Brosisius

Also present: Kris Loman

1. **Call to Order:** Abbott called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes from September 2019 meeting (action item):**
  - a. Motion made by Mirkes to approve September 2019 Board minutes. Varda seconded. Motion carried.
  - b. Motion made by Abbott to approve June 2019 minutes. Mirkes seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** The cash management account reported at \$48,056.70. The General account reported at \$39,218.55. Revenues to the Village not available yet.
5. **Approval of Bills (action item):** Abbott motioned to approve the bills and Brosisius seconded. Motion carried.
6. **Director's Report:**
  - a. The library celebrated Banned Books Week with a book display and distribution of bookmarks.
  - b. Loman attended a Mental Health Symposium in Wisconsin Dells. Speakers included Sarah Johnson, Health Education Specialist, Public Health Madison & Dane County; Skye Tikkanen, representative from Safe Communities; Sheila Weix, Director of Substance Abuse Services, Family Health Center of Marshfield; Michael Waupoose, LCSW, Director of Behavioral Health, Quartz Health Insurance. The Symposium focused on addiction, substance abuse disorder, trauma, and the human brain, and mindfulness in responding during times of stress. Attendees are now officially trained in administering NARCAN if the library chooses to have it on-hand.
  - c. The Historical Society is sponsoring an exhibit from the American Legion Auxiliary.
  - d. The library presented an adult program on back pain and sciatica through a partnership with local business, Pro Physical Therapy, and a Sip & Paint program through a partnership with new Cross Plains business, Nineteen09 Wine Bar. Patrons also enjoyed a program called "The Essential Edgar Allan Poe" presented by storyteller, William Pack.
  - e. The library held a family concert called "Ballads and Crankies" by Brendan Taaffe.
  - f. Kids enjoyed the library's first School's Out program of the season, a "Spooky Double Feature" film fest.
  - g. The Carpe Librum Book Discussion Group met to discuss the U.W. Go Big Read selection, *The Poison Squad*, by Deborah Blum.
  - h. The Village Board approved a permit submitted by the Halloween House committee to once again set up outside the library. Planning is well underway and installations will begin in early October.
  - i. Kris attended the fall 2019 Wisconsin Library Association convention in the Wisconsin Dells. The opening keynote speaker was Ijeoma Oluo, author of the New York Times best-selling book, *So You Want to Talk About Racism*. She also attended breakout sessions about motivating staff, expanding the library collection of things (Cool Stuff Collection) and getting it out in the community. Sessions also included innovative ideas for fundraising, and a tour of the Circus World Library and Research Center.

**7. Old Business: 2020 Budget**

- a. RGPL 2020 Operating Budget presented at Village Board September meeting. Village will approve 2020 budget at their upcoming meeting on Oct 21.
- b. Capital Budget Roof Request – approved, not to exceed \$75,000.
- c. Capital request for shelving for the 2021-2022 budget put on hold for more research.

**8. New Business: Becoming a fine-free library on January 1,2020 (action item)**

- a. Some discussion took place regarding moving to fine-free. Mirkes made a motion for RGPL to go fine-free on January 1, 2020. Varda seconded. Abbott voted yes. Brosisius voted no. Motion carried.

**9. SCLS/DCLS/WPLA Updates: None**

**10. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 19 at 5:15pm.**

**11. Adjournment:** Varda moved and Mirkes seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by C. Abbott