**Bloomfield Public Library**

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

**May 9, 2023**

**Board Minutes**

**Present Absent**

Roger Wuthrich Russ Mikels

Rhonda Eakins Lindsey Helton

Sheila Westegard Amy Tyson

Marilyn Piper Marty Hudson

Shannon Vesely

Anne Tews, Library Director

Josh Husted, City Representative

Robert Von Bon, Library Employee

The meeting was called to order at 5:15. The April minutes, the consent agenda, and the monthly claims were voted on and approved.

In unfinished business, the Board members were given a virtual tour of the Bloomfield Public Library developed by DCHS students Ophelia Skaggs and Toby Hubinette. Under the direction of DCHS Communications instructor, Kelsi Sankot, the students presented a 3-D virtual tour using the program Matterport. Once uploaded to the library website, patrons will be able to move virtually throughout the library, using designated tabs to identify library features. The Matterport plan is $9.99 monthly, and Anne will use discretionary funds to pay for this program.

Anne reported that evening hour statistics reveal enough patron usage to continue keeping the same evening hours. The professional development and weather policies are still waiting mayoral approval.

After discussion of two proposed library mission statements, the Board approved the following:

*The mission of the Bloomfield Public Library is to serve all residents of the community and provide free and open access to a wide range of informational resources, equipment, programs, and services that encourage literacy and lifelong learning in support of educational, cultural, and recreational activities.*

Anne received word that BPL is fully accredited until June 30, 2026.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Budget: Anne and Roger reported that there have been some unforeseen costs which have put the budget in the red.
2. Building and Grounds: Robert reported that he’s applied window film on five of the eight windows and installed one of two solar motion-activated lights. He has completed waxing the floor in the Community Room and plans to strip and refinish the hallway next. Mowing has begun, as well as flower seeding in the bed near the library sign.
3. Nominating: nothing
4. Personnel: nothing
5. Policy: nothing
6. Technology: nothing
7. Public Relations: Sheila reported that she’d talked with Main Street about the possibility of creating a “free library” lending box on the Bloomfield Square. She will follow up on this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Vesely