

**BUTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING
April 3, 2014**

Meeting called to order: by Marijane Brandau at 8:00PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Annette Jimmerson, Camille Piccirillo, Mayor Alviene, Marie Pra, Marijane Brandau, Margaret Assante. Louis Coiro came in later.

Absent: Mario Cardinale

Required posting was made in compliance with the Sunshine Law

President's Comments: We have 5 applicants for the job of director. We should start interviewing this week. We are having a hard time covering the hours that Rochelle used to work and there might be times when this library will have to close. It hasn't happened yet. We should not stay open unless there are two people present.

There was a discussion about hiring someone to help out filling the time slot where there is no coverage. It was asked if it was because no one wants to work extra hours. It was stated that part time workers could only work up to 29 hours a week.

It was asked about the Riverdale person. The Mayor stated that there was a meeting in Riverdale. It was no more than a meeting; attempting to see if there could be shared services with the Riverdale Library just like many of the other shared services we have with other towns. We thought it might be an opportunity since Rochelle was leaving that we can have a shared service with Riverdale. It was hoped that this would solve the director part. She has all the credentials necessary to do the job and she is experienced. Also it would open up the idea that we can share in activities as well. I did not think any harm would come of it. It was just a meeting with no decision made. It was myself and Marijane and their committee people there with dialog back and forth as to cost, coverage, amount of hours with the purpose of ironing out different aspects to come back to meet again and work out what was good for both towns. That was not resolved that night. It was just put on the table. After that things changed. Resignations were put in by their library people. A couple of them left. We could not continue with it because the situation no longer existed. We have an application from someone who works at the Riverdale Library. She is part time and very interested in the director position. There is no longer an issue of sharing services. We should move on. I think Margaret should sit in on the interviews. I cannot sit in on the interviews but Marijane and Mario can do it.

Annette asked if the programs are affected by Rochelle leaving. Margaret stated that Arlene does a wonderful job with the children's programs. We have problems getting hours covered if someone is out sick or goes on vacation. The Mayor stated that if there is only one person working that we would have to close the library for safety.

Minutes from last meeting:

Annette asked if there were any issues with the minutes and moved to approve the minutes of the March 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

Director's Report:

The Director's report for April 2014 was read at the meeting. The CD rates were discussed and it was decided to keep our funds locally. We should support local business. And they can be helpful with our needs. Butler day is May 25th. We need a way to get the stuff we need to the field. The last Butler day was successful. There will be a book sale during National Library Week at the library. Books have been generously donated.

Treasurer's Report:

Marie stated that there was no report. The bills still have to be done and Marie will do it tomorrow. We will make a motion to approve the bills after Marie signs off on them if there are no problems.

Old Business

Rochelle asked the Board to give her a letter of recommendation. Annette put one together and e-mailed it to the Board members. She asked if anyone wished to change anything and everyone agreed that it was fine and Annette will send it on to her.

New Business

None.

Public Comments:

The people attending stated that they had mixed information and were looking to clarify the issue with the Riverdale Library. The Mayor asked if the Board had cleared up the issue for them. We cannot go forward with Riverdale and we are not looking to share services with any other Library at this time so the interview process will go forward.

Motion to adjourn:

Annette made the motion to adjourn; Mayor Alviene seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.