

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, May 18, 2017, Willmar Public Library Multipurpose Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Ron Antony. A quorum was announced and introductions made.

Present were committee members: Ron Antony, Brent Olson, Ron Shimanski, Mike Housman, Cathy Baumgartner, Bonita Kallestad, and Dennis Ulrich. Admin Staff: Laurie Ortega. Guests: Ria Newhouse, head librarian, Spicer/New London/Raymond/Lake Lillian/Atwater. Absent: Brad Johnson, Amy Wilde, Jeff Lopez, and Cheryl Heimerl.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Housman, seconded by Shimanski.
Minutes of the April 20, 2017 Finance Committee were approved on a motion by Olson, seconded by Ulrich.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

The April 2017 and Final 2016 Financial Reports were approved on a motion by Housman, seconded by Shimanski.

Bills and check registers were approved on a motion by Housman, seconded by Baumgartner.

Personnel Committee:

The following new hires were approved on a motion by Ulrich, seconded by Olson.

Jake Fejedelem, County Librarian, Renville County
Stephanie Neyens, Library Asst. III, Madison/Dawson
Alicia Evans, Library Asst. I, Willmar

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2017 Audit Report, presented at the April 20, 2017 PLS Board meeting, was accepted on a motion by Housman, seconded by Kallestad.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:

- A. Legislative Update:** The legislature must adjourn at midnight next Monday. At present, budget talks appear to have stalled. There is still a chance that regional library funding (RLBSS increase/formula change) could make it into the E-12 bill; however it's not encouraging at this point. The odds of a special session to finalize the budget are looking likely. Bonding Bill: At present, HF 575 includes \$2 million for library construction projects. Legacy: There is no sign of the Legacy conference committee coming in to meet. However, director remains optimistic that library legacy dollars will be approved similar to last biennium's appropriation.

OTHER:

- A. Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2017, 7:00 pm. (Finance 6:30 p.m.)
B. Exec/Finance Meetings July 20, August 17 **and Sept. 14** at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:28 p.m.
Recording Secretary --- Laurie Ortega