

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, November 15, 2018, Willmar Public Library Multipurpose Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Mike Housman. A quorum was announced and introductions made.

Present were committee members: Mike Housman, Amy Wilde, Todd Hay, Cathy Baumgartner, Ron Antony, Dennis Ulrich, and Ron Shimanski. Admin Staff: Laurie Ortega; Guests: Jackee Fountain, head librarian, Glencoe/Brownton; Absent: Roger Sandberg, John Maatz, Brad Johnson, and Abigail Duly.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Antony, seconded by Hay.

Minutes of the October 18, 2018 Finance Committee were approved on a motion by Antony, seconded by Hay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

The October 2018 Financial Report was approved on a motion by Ulrich, seconded by Shimanski.

Bills and check registers were approved on a motion by Antony, seconded by Shimanski.

Personnel Committee:

The following new hires were approved on a motion by Baumgartner, seconded by Ulrich:

Andrew Bregar, Head Librarian, Willmar

Jennifer Disbrow, Library Asst. III, Granite Falls

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RLBSS Funding Request/Formula Change: Motion was made by Wilde, seconded by Antony to support the CRPLSA endorsed minimum \$3M increase, along with the proposed formula change, to the RLBSS allocation. Motion also noted Pioneerland support for a higher increase as well should the proposed platform move forward that way. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:

Willmar head librarian: Andrew Bregar has accepted the position as Willmar head librarian. Andrew comes to us from the Pueblo, Colorado City/County Library District where he has worked since 2011. Andrew will begin his employment with PLS on January 14, 2019.

Library Statutory Changes: Regional Library Directors and Multitype Directors have begun joint meetings to discuss/draft changes to statutory language defining Multitype systems and shifting their focus to schools, public/private colleges and universities, special libraries – but not necessarily public libraries. The group will continue to meet (next meeting in mid-December) with an eye toward statutory changes and legislative bills with a ‘one bill, one-line item request’ that includes all library funding.

Audit: Deadline for bid submission for 2018, 2019, and 2020 audit services is November 23rd. Ortega has received several requests for information – but no bids have been received to this point.

OTHER:

- A. Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. (Finance at 6:30 p.m.)
- B. Exec/Finance Meetings: December 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:43 p.m.
Laurie Ortega, Recording Secretary