

**PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m. in the Willmar Public Library Multi-Purpose Room

The January 16, 2020 meeting of the Pioneerland Library System Board was called to order by Antony at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Guests present: Ria Newhouse, Head Librarian, Atwater/Lake Lillian/Raymond/Spicer/New London.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Ahmann, seconded by Shimanski.

Minutes of the October 17, 2019 Board meeting & December 19, 2019 Executive/Finance meeting were approved on a motion by Olson, seconded by Duly.

Asmus proposed the following slate of officers for 2020:

1. Board Chair: Brent Olson (Big Stone County) approved on a motion by Duly, seconded by Shimanski.
2. Vice Chair: Ron Antony (Yellow Medicine County) approved on a motion by Olson, seconded by Ahmann.
3. Secretary: Todd Hay (Chippewa County) approved on a motion by Fagnano, seconded by Ulrich.
4. Treasurer: Ron Shimanski (McLeod County) approved on a motion by Tacheny, seconded by Duly.
5. Finance Chair: Dennis Ulrich (City of Renville) approved on a motion by Olson, seconded by Antony.

Olson proposed the following six (6) nominees to the Finance Committee, in addition to board chair, finance chair and treasurer:

1. Abigail Duly (Kandiyohi County)
2. Brad Johnson (City of Benson)
3. John Maatz (Lac Qui Parle County)
4. Doug Erickson (Renville County)
5. Steve Ahmann (Kandiyohi County)
6. Joe Techany (Meeker County)

A call was made for nominations from the floor. After hearing none, the proposed Finance Committee was approved on a motion by Rudningen, seconded by Sander.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The preliminary December 2019 financial report was approved on a motion from Ulrich, seconded by Duly.

Bills and check registers were approved on a motion from Ahmann, seconded by Erickson.

The 2020 Final Budget was approved on a motion by Ulrich, seconded by Shimanski.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

New hire: The following new hire was approved on a motion by Antony, seconded by Asmus:

- Eileen Neimeier, Library Assistant II, Benson

The meeting was closed at 7:19 p.m. to discuss the 2020/2021 Union Contract and non-union staff process. The meeting was reopened at 7:38 p.m. on a motion by Antony, seconded by Ulrich.

The 2020/2021 union contract was approved on a motion by Antony, seconded by Erickson. The changes were extended to non-union staff on a motion by Ulrich, seconded by Duly. Changes are retroactive to January 1, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

PLS “Year in Review” presentation was given by Director Ortega highlighting several programs and events at Pioneerland libraries and some additional statistics.

Committee Preference Forms: Board members were asked to return their committee preference forms to Ortega ahead of the February 20th Executive/Finance meeting.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. Library Legislative Day (March 31, 2020): Director Ortega shared information on the upcoming Library Legislative Day. Wilde encouraged others to attend.
2. Mileage Rate 2020: Director Ortega reported that the mileage rate dropped 1/2 cent to 57.5.
3. Head Librarian Ria Newhouse gave a presentation on herself and the five libraries she manages.

Future Board and Executive Meetings:

Next PLS board meeting scheduled April 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m. (Finance at 6:30)

Executive/Finance meetings: February 20, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:21 p.m.