

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 15, 2021, @ 7:00 p.m. Meeting held via Zoom due to Covid-19

The April 15, 2021 meeting of the Pioneerland Library System board was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice Chair Antony. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Admin Staff on site: Laurie Ortega, Director

Guest attending remotely: Andrew Bregar, Willmar head librarian

The agenda was approved on a motion by Ulrich, seconded by Erickson.

Minutes of the January 21, 2021 Board meeting and the March 18, 2021 Executive/Finance Committee were approved on a motion by Rudningen and seconded by Ulrich.

The 2020 Audit was presented by Kasey Nelson of Westberg Eischens PLPP. Following the presentation, the audit was accepted on a motion by Jaenisch and seconded by Anderson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. **The December 2020 Financial Report along with the Bills and Check Register** were approved on a motion by Ulrich, seconded by Rudningen.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

1. **New Hires:** the following new hires were approved on a motion by Jaenisch and seconded by Sander:

Ellie Christopherson, Library Asst. I, Montevideo

Cora Honken, Library Asst. I, Willmar

Andrew Kelton, Head Librarian, Benson/Kerkhoven

OLD BUSINESS – Annual Report Summary – 2020, A Year in Review: A handout was distributed outlining statistics across PLS on library system usage in 2020. The numbers are gathered from the Annual Report submitted to the state each year. Information only, no action needed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DIRECTORS REPORT

Legislative Update: Both the House and Senate Education omnibus bills include funding and the formula change for the regional public library basic system support proposal we've been working on for years. The Senate includes a \$1.6M increase starting next fiscal year while the House comes in with our \$2M increase request. There is a long way to go – however this is at least somewhat encouraging news. The House Legacy bill includes our full request for \$2.5M/year over the next two fiscal years for arts/cultural programming delivered via the 12 regional public library systems.

OTHER

- A. The next board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
Executive/Finance meetings: May 20, July 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:37 p.m.

Recording Secretary – Laurie Ortega