

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Willmar Public Library Multipurpose Room

The January 18, 2024, meeting of the Pioneerland Library System board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Brent Olson.

Admin Staff: Laurie Ortega, Director

Guest attending: Andrew Bregar, Head Librarian, Willmar; Larissa Schwenk, Head Librarian Chippewa County/Granite Falls.

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

Minutes of the October 19, 2023, board meeting and the December 21, 2023, Executive/Finance Committee were approved on a motion by Rudningen and seconded by Jaenisch.

The following slate of officers for 2024 was proposed. A call for nominations from the floor was given. There were no nominations from the floor.

1. Board Chair: Brent Olson (Big Stone County)
2. Vice Chair: Eric Rudningen (Swift County)
3. Secretary: Doug Erickson (Renville County)
4. Treasurer: Duane Anderson (Kandiyohi County)
5. Finance Chair: Candice Jaenisch (Chippewa County)

The slate of officers was approved unanimously as proposed.

The following slate of nominees to the finance committee was proposed. A call for nominations from the floor was given. There were no nominations from the floor.

The three (3) nominees to the Finance Committee in addition to board chair, finance chair, and treasurer were approved unanimously as proposed.

1. Mitch Kling (Yellow Medicine County)
2. John Winter (City of Glencoe)
3. Bill Paterson (City of Willmar)

Three (3) open spots remain on the Finance Committee. Please contact Laurie Ortega if you would be willing to fill one of these open spots.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. **The December 2023 (preliminary) Financial Report** was approved on a motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Schmalz.
2. **Bills and check registers** were approved on a motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Bredeson.
3. **The 2024 Budget** was approved on a motion by Jaenisch, seconded by Kling.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. New Hires: The following new hire was approved on a motion by Paterson, seconded by Bredeson: Chloe Buell, Library Asst. II, Dawson

OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Insurance Renewal:** The 2024 MCIT Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$22,431 was approved on a motion by Schmalz, seconded by Wulf.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- A. 2024 Committee Preference forms:** Ortega requests that board members complete the committee preference forms and return to her by early February. Committee appointments will be made at the February Executive/Finance meeting. If you do not have a committee preference you will be assigned where needed.
- B. The New London library** opened in their new space on January 2nd. It is a very nice improvement over the previous location. The director encourages board members to stop in if they have a chance.

OTHER

- A.** The next board meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. (Finance @ 6:30)
Executive/Finance meetings: February 15, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:26 p.m.

Recording secretary, Laurie Ortega