**APLC/APLL MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

(In attendance: APLC members Sue Morrisette, Jean Olson, Galen Wills, Sheila Arneson, Tara Sabako, Pauline Wiemann; Library Director Andy Kelton; APLL members Therese Ott, Pat Grabitske)

 The meeting was called to order by president Galen Wills. Motion by Morrisette, second by Wiemann, to accept the minutes of the May 16 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

1. Summer Reading was successful. There were 392 reading logs, 12 prizes, and 103 participants over six Tuesday programs.
2. Four classes from St. Paul’s school come for story time every other week. That is up from three classes last year.
3. Andy met with the other Sibley County library directors on August 29 in Gaylord to chat and share ideas.
4. Six months into the new system, it is working well.
5. The TdS executive director resigned. They are in the process of looking for a new director. We hope a new one will be in place by the end of 2023.
6. Meetings attended: TdS Directors meetings July 13 and September 14. They discussed the search for a new director. Discussion on continuing to equally share materials system-wide. We are not holding back materials for local patrons.
7. City meetings: They have mainly been to discuss the 2024 budget. Andy increased the library budget by $10,000 (about 10%). The increases will mostly be on the personnel side due to wage increases and insurance. Materials like will slightly increase due to the rising cost of books.
8. Our book sale will begin on September25.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 Jean wrote an article about the library, which will be published in the September21 *Enterprise.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 We will again host the quilt show for Arli-Dazzle. There has also been some interest in a story time, but so far no volunteers to read. We will have Trunk or Treat on Main St. for Halloween.

**OTHER/APLL/TREASURER’S REPORT:**

 Our checking balance as of September 19 was $6,440.61. We will have a presentation by author Frank Weber on September 21 (cost $250, which was paid on September 19). There is interest in having a program by Patty Wetterling in the future. We will have another session of Trivia and one of Puzzles and Pies. Our next meeting will be at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, November 21. There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Jean Olson

Secretary-Treasurer