

Hanska Community Library Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 6:15 pm

Board Members Present: Vicky Strassburg, Kris Karpen, Cardi Brantley

Library Board President: Becky Seidl-Vee

Interim Library Director: Angela Pick

City Council Liaison: Ian Kjelshus

Absent: Courtney Jones

Guest(s): NA

- Becky Seidl-Vee called Hanska community library meeting to order at 6:15 PM
- Kris Karpen made the motion to approve tonight's agenda and was seconded by Vicky Strassburg.
- Vicky Strassburg made the motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Kris Karpen seconded motion.
- No guests in attendance.

Library Report: Patron update: September usage of the library was a total of 241 patrons. 179 children and 62 adults. Patron counts are down from August, most likely due to kids being back in school.

Angela Pick will work to secure “sweet spot” of hours for back-to-school days alongside adult time.

The library was approved for a \$2000 New Ulm Area Foundation grant through the “Friends of the Hanska library”. Once grant monies are received, the board and library director will review options to apply the funds.

The library has incorporated mandatory quiet time, encouraging a quiet location for patrons/kids to complete and work on homework.

A corner for, but not exclusive too, the older kids, has been added as well, includes a Nintendo switch and an array of approved learning games as well as physical games such as bowling, baseball and more. This was approved by the library board and paid for by the friends of the library from donated funds.

Kids from the library have been and want to continue doing volunteer work/gigs. The board discussed the idea of a volunteer program while creating good deeds in the community and an incentive program for the kids. Ideas include: Hanska Helpers, works by a point system, movie night reward, maybe Pay it Forward. Sign off forms will be created and signed off by a supervising adult who has had the background check completed and approved.

City Council Liaison: There was discussion of a new furnace, but it hasn't yet been finalized with quote proposals or approved by the city council. More information to be provided at the next Library meeting in November.

Kris Karpen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Was seconded by Vicky Strassburg.

Next meeting Thursday, 11/7/24 at the Hanska Community Library at 6:15 pm

Friends of Hanska Library meeting to be held at 6:45 pm following Board meeting.

We welcome Community members to attend the open Board meeting as well as the "Friends of the Hanska library" meetings. Come see what we are doing for our community!