



## Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Library Advisory Committee

Date: 03/13/2025  
Time: 5:30pm  
Minutes prepared by: Chrissy Harrington  
Location: Pleasant Hill Library

### Attendance:

- Mary Janice Alongi District 1
- Ann Matthews-Baussion District 2
- Robin Cerio District 3
- Kari Cahn District 4
- Lee Knutson District 5
- Lynette Cargill District 6
- Patricia Schoenecker District 7
- Olivia Tri At-Large Youth
- Margaret Stone Director
- Jennifer Reichert Simpson Deputy Director
- Heather Stephenson Assistant Library Director
- Jill Bambenek Branch Manager Pleasant Hill Library
- Chrissy Harrington Sr Library Administration

### Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Robin Cerio at 5:32pm. There were no public members in attendance during this meeting.
- Welcomed three new committee members:
- Ann Matthews-Baussion District 2
- Lee Knutson District 5
- Olivia Tri At-Large Youth

## Consent Agenda

- The Consent agenda from January 9th, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

## Pleasant Hill Library: Jill Bambenek Branch Manager

- Jill has only been the Branch Manager for the last year and half and appreciate how well-supported the library is throughout the community
- Pleasant Hill Library hired a new Teen Librarian, Senior Information Assistant and 2 teen shelvers this past year
- Self-Service Hours started in March of 2024
- 275 patrons have signed up for the Self-Service Hours
- The community is enjoying the Self-Service Hours and the library has seen regular groups that use the building during the Self-Service Hours
- Pleasant Hill Library celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that building in September of 2024
- Library continues to focus on building a stronger relationship with the community
- Here are some of the events that happened last year
- Ho Ho Holiday and Candy Crawl with Van Gogh
- Senior Expo
- Hastings Family Service School supply giveaway
- Library will be participated in the Rivertown Days and Pride events this year
- Youth and Adult programs are going strong
- Women's Book Club is being offer in the Jail has been very popular a men's Book Club is going to be starting up soon
- Art Rail partnership with local art teachers to display students' art in the library
- Summer Discovery is back again this year very popular with young readers
- The Teen Drop in gaming and Teen Takeover Tuesday programs have seen success
- Pleasant Hill Library participated in the High School College and Career Fair
- The Adult Winter Reads doubled numbers of participants from last year
- Hosted a Practicum Student Helen Korbelt last fall
- Jill showed a video on the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library and how it supports the Library

## Strategic Plan

- Focused on Goal 3 Strategy B
- The committee came up with the following suggestions on how to promote the library on a more regular basis

- Repost a post on social media
- Attend the Minnesota Library Association Day in the future
- When appropriate write a letter or leave a voice message to local legislators at the Minnesota State Capital
- Join one of the Library Friends groups
- Talk with family/friends at school/family events
- the library will send occasional talking points to the members to assist in this effort

## **Director's Report**

- Wentworth Library will be closed from April 2025 to April 2026 timeline is subject to change as the project continues
- A temporary location will be set-up in the Northern Service Center for pick up and drop off of materials
- Hours of operation is the following Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm
- No Self-Service hours at the Northern Service Center
- Burnhaven Library remodel to start in 2026
- Wescott Library remodel to start in 2027
- Bonding fund will help with both remodels of the Burnhaven and Wescott Library
- Heritage Library celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Inver Glen Library will host its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm
- Director Stone will welcome County Commissioner Atkins
- Former Friend of the Inver Glen Library President and founding member Jan Anderson will be in attendance
- There will also be cake, music and fun activities
- Director Stone will be attending the Friends Summit on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Beth Burns will be the guest speaker
- 2024 Minnesota State Report for the Dakota County Library is due April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025
- The public can view this report after April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 on the Minnesota State website

## **Updates from Committee Members**

- Lynette Cargil gave an update on the Heritage 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that took place on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Lynette said there was a great public turnout that came and supported the Library
- Lynette also said a lot of the retired Librarians from the Heritage Library were there to celebrate

## **Adjournment**

- Meeting ended at 6:37pm

## **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

Date: May 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Burnhaven Library Burnsville