

Raquette Lake Library

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Raquette Lake Free Library on September 22, 2020

At 5:34 pm the president called the Zoom meeting to order. Electronically present were Desiree Lurf and Colleen Walsh.Carolynn Dufft joined at 5:39pm and Jim Dillon as well, who was later called in by phone since he was experiencing sound quality issues

The board convened to discuss the proposed reopening plan and especially the following issues:

1. The Board questioned the need for limited hours (beyond the already limited winter hours)
2. The Board questioned the need for two sections of the library to be roped off for quarantining of books (ADK section and youth). Carolynn explained that the table in the ADK section was too small to be used for quarantining books.
3. The Board questioned the distinction made in the reopening plan between patron working at work station and other patrons (browsing to check out books). The proposed reopening plan foresees 30 minute time limit to work station use and 15 min to browsing.

Motion to accept updated reopening plan (as edited and read to all by Biz) was made by Desiree, president Biz Noonan seconded the motion. It was accepted by all attending Board members, with the following changes: (i) to reopen in accordance with the reopening plan during winter opening hours and (ii) to have the time limit of 30 minutes apply equally to browsing and work station use.

Voting:

- all favored, but Carolynn disagreed (preferred limited opening hours to do work before patrons are allowed into the library, suggested that other libraries are also not fully open and that Sara from Sals had provided reasons for not fully reopening, but couldn't recall which).
- Carolynn also presented October 2018 stats, which show average daily visitors range from approximately 11-35 and therefore preferred to open slowly
- Jim questioned the need for a 3 hour time slot to complete work before patrons arrived. He also reminded everyone that given the pandemic the attendance would be less, since these are different times and that this will change attendance of library, people are very mindful of the pandemic.
- The board agreed that we needed to encourage public access to the library.

Since the updated reopening plan was accepted Biz made a motion to adjourn at 6:12pm. Desiree seconded the motion, with all voting in favor.