

Little Falls Advisory Committee  
Minutes May 28, 2024

Upon the meeting being called to order, the following attendees were present:

Patrick Fromm, Regional Manager  
Candace Will, Library Board Representative  
Irem Demirkan, Chair  
Robert November  
Hannah November  
Gerry Ostrove  
Tamara Zemlo  
Kathy Davies, Secretary

There was initially some concern about having a quorum, there being 11 members on our list. However, it was determined that John Stodola's term had expired, and that Brian Sawers and Rehana Gubin had not attended the required meetings. Candace Will will notify them that their membership has been ended. They may reapply. After removing these names, there were eight members left, and the five members present constituted a quorum.

1. Election.

Irem Demirkan was nominated for Chair and was elected unanimously. Kathy Davies was nominated for Secretary and was elected to be revisited at a later date.

2. Regional Manager's Report.

Patrick Fromm reviewed the number of events and attendees for Little Falls Library. It might be desirable to increase attendance at events.

Looking at the requests left on the sticky board in the library, patrons would like to see more adult lectures, more weekend children's programs, and French and Spanish language programs, and more climate books.

3. Library Board Report.

Candace Will said that the Library Board had heard a report from one of the other Regional Managers. Regarding the budget, she said that although the libraries did not get everything they asked for, the budget was generally satisfactory.

Gerry Ostrove asked whether the libraries were getting well qualified applications for the Director's position, Patrick Fromm said that the search was being conducted by Bradbry Miller, one of the best search firms.

#### 4. Old Business.

Garden Club. Tamara Zemlo reported that the Garden Club is working on developing a new area around the library. They are currently working on improving the soil, after which they will do some test planting targeting 70% native plants. It's a tough area because it is in shade. The Garden Club is also trying to set up a Monarch butterfly way station in a sunny area.

Survey. Candace Will will talk to the Library Board about available survey platforms.

#### 5. New Business.

The August meeting date is being changed to Monday, August 19th to accommodate various schedules.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned.