

Bowman Regional Public Library Board of Directors
AGENDA for October 21, 2024
4 PM

Bowman Regional Public Library Workroom
18 Divide St. East
Bowman, ND 58623

1. Approve Order of the Agenda ACTION
2. Minutes of the September 18 Meeting ACTION
3. Director's Report
 - a. Grants
 - b. BPL Foundation Quarterly meeting
 - c. Fundraising
 - d. Upcoming Events
4. New Business
 - a. Security for Library Backyard Green Space ACTION
 - b. 3D Printer Pilot Project ACTION
5. Statistical Reports
 - a. September Usage
 - b. Financial Report
6. Next Regular meeting Monday, November 18th - 4 PM in Library
7. Adjourn

**Bowman Regional Public Library Board of Directors
MINUTES for September 16, 2024
4 PM**

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Attendance: Lynn Brown, Jean Nudell, Edna Paulson, Benji Schaaf; Director, Sarah Snavelly. Absent: Kristy Miller

Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM.

Schaaf moved to approve the order of the agenda. Paulson seconded. MC.

Schaaf moved to approve the minutes as presented. Paulson seconded. MC.

Snavelly presented the Director's Report including updates of current projects including the Green Space and the calendar for upcoming events including the 2024 Silent Auction fundraiser. Grants applied for and awarded were discussed.

Old Business

1. Board discussed the Northbound Highway US-85 sign. Paulson will follow up.

New Business

1. Board discussed the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Library Backyard Green Space. No action taken, as the project is not yet complete.

Statistical Reports

1. Snavelly presented the usage reports from August 2024.
2. Snavelly presented the Financial Report prepared by Benz Noreen Financial.

Next meeting, Monday, October 21th at 4:00PM in the Bowman Regional Public Library Makerspace.

Schaaf moved to adjourn the meeting, Paulson seconded. MC. Meeting ended at 5:38 PM.

Bowman Regional Public Library Director's Report - September 2024

The last Sipping & Signing Mocktails event was held on Tuesday, September 24th. Fourteen people attended. The Library Card Sign Up Month prize bag was won by Kristy Donner.

The Library held a Plant Swap on Wednesday, September 25th beginning at 11 AM. Plants included houseplants, cuttings, and perennials, along with items like seasonal gourds, plant pots and supplies. The Free Will offering basket netted \$109.

The last of the series of Caregiver Support group sessions meet in the Library on Thursday, September 26th. This series is presented by the Alzheimer's Association and North Dakota Health & Human Services.

The Southwest Healthcare Auxiliary held their pie social on Friday, September 27th.

The first Jigsaw Puzzle of the season was held on Sunday, September 29th. This competition was a 300 piece puzzle for pairs. 10 pairs competed. Heidi Fischer and Robyn Amundson won the competition.

Brooks hosted Story Time for preschool children and their caregivers each Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 AM.

Brooks continues to post a historical photo each Friday. Images are posted to Facebook and Instagram.

The Crafternoon for Tuesday, October 1st was a Spooky craft, Ghost Portraits, using cheesecloth, paint, Mod Podge, wood, glitter, string, and craft foam. Six adults, 1 teen, and 9 children participated.

The BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Book Club was postponed on Wednesday, October 2. This Library Book Club meets every first Wednesday of each month. Attendees are encouraged to discuss the books they are reading and the books they intend to read. All are welcome.

The Library building was closed on Wednesday, October 2nd. Brooks and Braaten caught six mice in the library on October 1st and 2nd. The staff cleaned the library, and inspected hiding holes.

Brooks created an "Of The World" themed Scavenger Hunt in the library. Braaten and volunteer Shawn Mauer hid the clues around the library. Children visiting the library have to seek and find all the images found around the library to earn a prize.

The staff organized a STEM event using Snap Circuit STEM toys on Sunday, October 13th. Three adults and four children participated.

The staff organized a Vote for your Favorite Apple apple tasting on Tuesday, October 8th from 2-5 PM in the Library. 25 adults, 1 teen, and 9 children participated. The winner was Honeycrisp.

The Bowman Public Library Foundation met on Thursday, October 10th at 1:30 PM in the Library Workroom.

Braaten has been working with Shawn Mauer each Tuesday and Thursday in the Library. Shawn is volunteering for one hour each of the days.

The staff organized a Trick or Tater potato decorating contest on Tuesday, October 15th. Eight adults and 12 children created costumes for their potatoes. The public will vote for their favorite. The potato with the most votes will be awarded Hot Potato on Thursday, October 31st.

The first Silent Reading Book Club was held on Wednesday, October 16th at 2 PM. Thank you to Julie Silha and Wanda Moor for making treats for this book club.

All events are published on the web calendar. www.bowmanlibrary.com/events

There are currently 97 subscribers to the Library's email newsletter. Snavelly sent the monthly email newsletter on Monday, September 30th with 63.8% open rate.

Thank you to Bowman Parks and Rec for including Library events in their email blasts!

Snavelly submitted a grant to the Bowman Slope Community Foundation on behalf of the BRP Foundation to help defray the cost of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Amount requested \$2,050.

Snavelly submitted a grant to the Bowman Slope Community Foundation for the Library to help purchase two new rugs for the Children's section. Amount requested \$910.

The Library's Facebook page has 1,178 Followers and Instagram has 274 followers.

Upcoming Events

October

Story Time - Wednesdays & Thursdays 10:30 AM

STEAM: Frankentoys - Sunday, October 20th 2-5 PM

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Jigsaw Puzzle Social & Swap - Sunday, October 27th 2 PM

Trick or Treat on Main - Thursday, October 31st

November - Dinovember!

Dino Jacket Painting (with PTRM) Monday, November 4th 2-5 PM

Di-Know You Voted Ice Cream Sundaes - Tuesday, November 5th 2-5 PM

BYOB Book Club - Wednesday, November 6th Noon - 1PM

Quilter's Book Club - Wednesday, November 6th - 5 PM

DIY Clay Ornaments - Sunday, November 10th with Dacotah Clayworks (Free Will Offering)

Veteran's Day - Monday, November 11th - Library Closed

Holiday Decor Swap - Tuesday, November 12 - Wednesday, November 20th or until we run out.

Crafternoon - Dino-Ramas - Tuesday, November 12 - 2-5 PM

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition (500 pieces/Teams of up to four) - Sunday, November 17th 2PM

T-Rex Tea Party - Tuesday, November 19th 2-5 PM

Silent Book Club - Wednesday, November 20th 2 PM

Cookie Excavation (with PTRM) Tuesday, November 26th 2-5 PM (at Museum)

North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Exhibit - November - December.

Gift Wrapping Station - Begins Sunday, December 1st

Pictures with Santa (with Dakota Community Bank) Wednesday, December 4th

Green Space Ribbon Cutting (Spring)