

**Valley City/Barnes County Public Library  
Special Meeting of the Board Minutes  
Tuesday, March 26, 2013 5:15 pm at the Library**

**Members present:** Stephanie Cummings, Margaret Dahlberg, Liz Johnson, Phil Leitner, Madeline Luke (via phone), Mary Wager

**Library Staff present:** Liz Hoskisson (Interim Director)

**Guests:** Elizabeth Kruger (Search Committee Chair), Phyllis Otterness (member of search committee)

- I. **Call to order:** President Liz Johnson called the special meeting of the VC/BC Public Library (410 North Central Ave), Valley City, ND, to order at 5:15 pm on Tuesday, March 26, 2013.
  
- II. **Agenda:** Search Committee Recommendation for Library Director
  - A. Kruger presented the recommendations from the Search Committee: to make an offer to Steven Hammel from Denison, IA. The vote from the search committee forwarding this recommendation was 3-2. Discussion regarding his qualifications ensued. Leitner moved to approve the recommendation of the Search Committee, seconded by Wager, to offer the position to Steven Hammel (pending criminal background check), for \$36K with a six month probationary period. Motion approved unanimously.
  
  - B. Leitner thanked Kruger for phenomenal, well organized, thorough leadership as committee chair. Luke agreed and indicated this has been a good learning experience for all, as the committee spent many hours on this process and decision. Other members of the Board agreed and thanked Kruger and the Committee for their hard work. Kruger in turn thanked the Board for the opportunity to learn through this experience.
  
  - C. Kruger called Hammel, and Leitner made the official offer via speakerphone. Hammel indicated a tentative "yes," but wants additional information on benefits and the time to discuss with his family. The Board confirmed that the desire is to make substantial changes in updating and improving services. The new director will be expected to develop a timeline that the Board can review, as changes need to be made at a pace that is comfortable for our community.
  
  - D. Kruger will follow up with contractual information for Hammel and will also call and thank each person who applied for the position.
  
- III. **Adjourn:** Leitner moved to adjourn; Cummings seconded. **Next Meeting is Tues., April 9, 2013, at 5:15 pm**

Respectfully Submitted, Margaret Dahlberg, Secretary