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Henika District Library
Planning Committee Meeting
September 30th, 2025 at 5pm

I. Call to Order - Called to order at 5:07pm by Brinks

Members Present: Rachel Brinks, Danielle Simmons, Deb VanderSlik

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Cierra Bakovka

Guests: Meghan Augustin, Laura Kruisenga, Kristin Gootjes, Deb Kalinka-Manning

II. Approval of Agenda - Mentioned by Augustin, seconded by Simmons

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Mentioned by VanderSlik, seconded by Brinks

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IV. Unfinished Business

A. Professional Fundraiser

a. Interviews

i. Kennari Consulting - 5:15pm

1. Laura Kruisenga, the owner, attended the meeting to represent Kennari Consulting. Kirstin VanderMolen, the person who submitted the proposal and would be the running point on the project, was unable to attend due to a death in the family. Kennari is comfortable having crucial conversations. Clients have at least 2 dedicated staff members from Kennari working on their project. 60% of Kennari's clients are in West Michigan.

ii. KG Consulting - 6:45pm

1. Kristin Gootjes and Deb Kalinka-Manning attended the meeting and they would be handling the project. The pair expressed a deep love and support of libraries. Currently they are finishing up a project with Krause Memorial Library.

b. Committee Reflection/Discussion

- i. The committee wishes they could have met Kirstin VanderMolen from Kennari, but understand why she was unavailable. The committee was a bit overwhelmed by all the info. Will take some time to process and reconvene prior to the board meeting on October 14th to render a recommendation for the board.

V. New Business - None

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VI. Around the Table - Nothing to add

VII. Adjournment - 8:21pm. Motioned by Augustin, seconded by Brinks