

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 4:30 PM

Board Members Present: Stephanie Croston, Bruce Creed, Bob Dahms, Juanita Hill, and Nancy Lamberty.

Absent: None.

Also: Barbara Pike, Councilman, Becky Baker, Library Director.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting the notice of such meeting, with the agenda thereon, in the following places: City Hall, County Courthouse, and the Seward Memorial Library. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Library Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT AVAILABILITY

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. by Chairman Juanita Hill, who highlighted the availability of the Open Meetings Act.

2. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

A. Programs: Spring programs are underway and seem to be going well.

Upcoming book group titles are:

Midday Mysteries: Chocolate Covered Murder by Leslie Meier

Best of NYT: The Martian by Andy Weir

Random Reads: The Cherry Cola Book Club by Ashton Lee

A January travelogue on Greece had 30 in attendance. Another travelogue is scheduled for February 28, this one about Australia and New Zealand. The series of Pitch playing Saturdays was very successful and is continuing beyond its initial four week schedule, though the library will limit the refreshments provided. A 4-week Scrabble tournament began yesterday, as did a very popular Tai Chi class that will run for eight weeks. Recent movie showings have brought in around a dozen patrons each time.

The Library sent out 243 *Leading to Reading* cards last month.

B. Operations: Building: The membrane roof has not yet been looked at because of weather. It is still on the list for the adjustor from EMC and a representative from AJ Roofing to take care of. In the meantime the roof appears to have a few new leaky spots. These same two individuals will review damage caused by some heavy snow/ice that impacted the gutter on the west side of the building. Bearings are going out on the two motors in the ERU that is part of the heat pump system. Estimated repair costs total \$5,000. Because this is not an expected and budgeted repair, Baker will look for additional support from other sources in case it is needed before the end of the fiscal year.

Staffing: Sara Endorf is on maternity leave until some time in March. Dorian Doremus has given us her two week notice and her last day will be this Wednesday. The library will be hiring a replacement for Dorian as soon as possible.

Newspaper microfilm project: We continue to wait for the release form from the SCI.

Strategic Plan: Individuals were invited to a meeting in January to discuss the need for some type of community calendar. However, one of the invitees made a strong argument for waiting until mid-March to meet. I have sent out a doodle.com poll for mid-March dates in response, though few have yet participated.

LB 969: The initial hearing on this bill brought out much opposition. The latest news is that an amendment will be written that will add other options, but my understanding is that the state and national library communities will continue to fight for the bill's defeat.

Schedule: The library, along with all other City offices, was closed on February 2 because of the snow storm. The home delivery normally done on Tuesdays was moved to Monday in anticipation of the blizzard.

Annual Report: At tonight's Council meeting the library's annual report will be presented. This is delayed from last Tuesday because of the weather.

S150 Committee: I have been asked to serve on this committee, representing the library. Its meeting is tonight, also at 7:00 p.m. like the Council meeting. I will attend this after I'm finished at the Council. You are welcome to attend either meeting.

C. Statistics: Circulation for last month is up 688 from the previous month and up 40 from last year. Circulation for the previous 12 months now totals 112,031, not including OverDrive use. The collection now stands at 57,040 items not counting OverDrive resources.

Attendance for last month is up 561 from last month and down 172 from last year.

Computer use was down 17 from last month and up 22 from last year.

3. ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW-General, Circulation, Patron Responsibility

Dahms made a motion and Lamberty seconded to clarify a sentence in the patron responsibility policy to include the phrase "be fully clothed". Voting aye: Creed, Croston, Dahms, Hill and Lamberty. Voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Lamberty moved and Creed seconded that consent items a, b, & c be approved. Voting aye: Creed, Croston, Dahms, Hill and Lamberty. Voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Croston, Secretary