

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 4:30 PM

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

Absent: Nancy Lamberty.

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 4:35 p.m. by Chairman Juanita Hill, who highlighted the availability of the Open Meetings Act.

2. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

A. Programs: Spring programs will end in three weeks. Programs in April will be centered around National Library Week.

Upcoming book group titles are:

Midday Mysteries: Finding Nouf by Zoe Ferraris

Best of NYT: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Random Reads: Back When We Were Grownups by Anne Tyler

On March 13 several speakers will discuss living with a variety of dietary situations: gluten-free, lactose intolerant, etc. in honor of National Nutrition Month.

The February 28 travelogue on Australia and New Zealand had 58 in attendance. The series of Pitch playing Saturdays was very successful and patrons have requested it be repeated next winter. Another round of card playing may take place in April. The Scrabble series has ended though several of the players have chosen to continue weekly games at the library using a meeting room. Tai Chi continues to go well. Jessica Kolterman will speak about travels in Kenya and touring Cairo on April 3.

Plans are underway for a great National Library Week celebration, though the April events will be spread out beyond that week. To date the schedule includes the York College drama students on April 9, Dave Oates will talk about unusual events at the Nebraska Game and Parks lab on April 10, the Friends have an evening out planned for April 13, a special story time and Book Review Bingo is planned for April 14, and the huge Parking Lot Party is scheduled for April 16. Staff is considering a Tool Tech Time with pizza on April 19 and a Minecraft party on April 25. More details to come.

The Library sent out 251 *Leading to Reading* cards last month.

B. Operations: Building: The membrane roof will finally be replaced, paid for by insurance with no deductible coming from our budget since it was part of the previous hail/storm damage. Hopefully this will solve the leak problem for many years. The bearings in the ERU of the heat pump system have been replaced as well.

Staffing: Sara Endorf returned from maternity leave today. A replacement Library Clerk will hopefully soon be hired.

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

Strategic Plan: The meeting regarding the community calendar will most likely take place next week. A few more invitees have yet to participate in the scheduling poll.

LB 969: The bill has not made it out of committee yet, so likely won't this legislative year. Thanks go to all of you for taking the time to make your opinions known.

S150 Committee: The second meeting of this committee will be held on Thursday.

C. Statistics: Circulation for last month is up 857 from the previous month and up 163 from last year. Circulation for the previous 12 months now totals 112,194, not including OverDrive use. The collection now stands at 57,408 items not counting OverDrive resources.

Attendance for last month is up 678 from last month and down 726 from last year.

Computer use was up 71 from last month and up 89 from last year.

3. ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW-Program, Gift, Emergency

After review of the program policy, Dahms moved to update F to change room to rooms. Creed seconded the motion. Voting aye: Creed, Croston, Dahms, and Hill. Voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: Lamberty. Motion carried.

No changes were suggested after reviewing the Gift Policy. After review of the Emergency & Safety Policy, Creed moved to clarify section I.A.2 by changing "remain" to "be", rearranging sentences in the bomb threat section, and combining 2 sections in the Health Emergency section. Dahms seconded the motion. Voting aye: Creed, Croston, Dahms, and Hill. Voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: Lamberty. Motion carried.

4. POLICY UPDATE-Facilities Policy discussion regarding refreshments in some areas of the library

After reviewing the facilities policy Creed moved to update the policy to allow covered drinks throughout the library except for the Technology Lab and the Genealogy Room and to switch the order of the Genealogy Room and Study Room sections. Dahms seconded the motion. Voting aye: Creed, Croston, Dahms, and Hill. Voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: Lamberty. Motion carried.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Croston, Secretary