

## SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 4:30 PM

Board Members Present: Bruce Creed, Bob Dahms, Juanita Hill, and Nancy Lamberty.  
Absent: Stephanie Croston and Becky Baker.  
Also: Barbara Pike, Councilman, Pam Walz, Assistant 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 have ended and planning for summer programs has begun. Summer programs will begin in May.

Upcoming book group titles are:

Middy Mysteries: The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith  
Best of NYT: Ghost Boy: The Miraculous Escape of a Misdiagnosed Boy Trapped Inside His Own Body by Martin Pistorius  
Random Reads: The Center of Everything by Laura Moriarty

The March 3 travelogue on Kenya and touring Cairo had 28 in attendance. The new card-playing series on Saturdays started with seven in attendance to learn and play Euchre. Tai Chi continued strong to the end; another exercise program may be looked at in the fall.

National Library Week plans include the following:

- Hosting the York College drama students on April 9 at 1:00 p.m.
- Dave Oates speaking about unusual items at the Nebraska Game and Parks lab on April 10
- The Friends have an evening out planned for April 13
- A special story time on April 14 at 4:00 p.m.
- Book Review Bingo is April 14 at 6:30 p.m. – with free ice cream, toppings, and cash prizes from Friends
- A Parking Lot Party is scheduled for April 16 – many special things this day from 10:30-1:30
- Meters, Monitors and More – introducing the library's new collection of devices to check out, a program with pizza (provided by Friends) on April 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- A Minecraft party on April 25 at 4:00 p.m.
- Blind Date with a Book
- Dinner and a Book guessing game
- Backdating fines for 7 days
- A bookmark contest
- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders writing letters to themselves that they get back as Seniors

The Library sent out 257 *Leading to Reading* cards last month.

**B. Operations:** Building: The membrane roof is being replaced this week, as well as the damaged gutter on the west. SCC has made a request to hold Adult Education classes here next school year. They would need a small room every Tuesday and Thursday night from 4:30 – 7:30. This currently does not fit library policy, though exceptions can be granted. Staff feels this should be one of those exceptions. A vote from this group would be appreciated. Creed moved to approve the request for SCC to use a study room or meeting room for their Adult Education classes on an ongoing basis. Lamberty seconded Voting aye: Creed, Dahms, Hill and Lamberty. Voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: Croston. Motion carried.

Staffing: Tara Larsen has been hired to fill the Library Clerk vacancy.

Newspaper microfilm project: We have received the release from the Seward County Independent to put film of the county papers online. The Seward Library Foundation has a meeting scheduled on April 21 and this project is on their agenda to discuss.

Strategic Plan: The meetings regarding the community calendar are going great! All parties agree that the Seward County Independent calendar is the single one that entities should use for public events. Details are being worked out by the committee with another meeting being scheduled for April 14.

S150 Committee: The third meeting of this committee was held April 7, no library representation was available.

**C. Statistics:** Circulation for last month is up 643 from the previous month and down 142 from last year. Circulation for the previous 12 months now totals 112,052, not including OverDrive use. The collection now stands at 57,750 items not counting OverDrive resources.

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

Computer use was down 9 from last month and up 80 from last year.

**3. CONSENT ITEMS**

Lamberty moved and Dahms seconded that consent items a, b, & c be approved. Voting aye: Creed, Dahms, Hill and Lamberty. Voting nay: none.  
Absent and not voting: Croston. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Creed, acting Secretary