

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 4:30 PM

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

Absent: Bruce Creed.

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: Summer registration begins tomorrow. A calendar of programs is available for your review. On Thursday June 2nd a presentation by members of Concordia's national champion track team will present a family program.

Upcoming book group titles are:

Midday Mysteries: The Tale of Holly How by Susan Wittig Albert

Best of NYT: independent reading meeting – show and tell time

Random Reads: The Divide by Nicholas Evans

The author of Barn Quilts, who presented to a record setting crowd in 2014, has a new book out that includes a chapter on Nebraska barn quilts. She is willing to present here again, so we are looking at August 28 for this event.

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

B. Operations: Website review: Megan Boggs has built a new library website and would appreciate Board input.

Building: The replaced membrane roof had no visible leaks during any of the recent rainy weather, so we will work on having the stained ceiling tiles replaced by the City Electric Department employees next time they bring the lift in to change bulbs.

Newspaper microfilm project: The Seward Library Foundation was excited to learn a release was received and encouraged the staff to develop a program of fundraising for this project. They committed \$500 to kick start the campaign. They also agreed to match up to \$15,000 of new donations made towards this project.

Strategic Plan: The Community Calendar committee continues to meet to work out details of having only one online calendar for the general public to view.

S150 Committee: The fourth meeting of this committee was held last evening.

CE: This Friday the Southeast Library System will hold its annual Training Extravaganza here, with three of our staff attending. On May 27 the annual Golden Sower reading day will also be held here.

C. Statistics: Circulation for last month is down 1,458 from the previous month and down 64 from last year. Circulation for the previous 12 months now totals 111,988, not including OverDrive use. The collection now stands at 58,088 items not counting OverDrive resources.

Attendance for last month is up 448 from last month and up 213 from last year.

Computer use was down 106 from last month and down 17 from last year.

3. 2016-2017 BUDGET-Review draft

A draft of the budget was given to the Board for review. No additional items were suggested.

4. PHYSICAL FACILITIES POLICY-Review and possible update regarding personal use of meeting room(s)

Baker reviewed possible policy changes that would allow personal use of library rooms. Board members were agreeable to a trial of this change and asked Baker to type out the necessary policy changes for review and possible adoption at the next Board meeting.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Croston, Secretary