

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

YANKTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 5:30 pm

Virtual Meeting – GoToMeeting interface and physical location in Yankton Community Library Meeting Room, 515 Walnut St. Yankton, SD 57078

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Mechtenberg at 5:30 pm. Present were Sue Otterman, David Koerner, Jean Huff, Mary Pat Bierle, Yankton City Commissioner Jerry Webber, Yankton County Commissioner Ryan Heine. Library Director Dana Schmidt, and Assistant Library Director Linda Dobrovolny.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Approval of June 14, 2023 minutes: Webber made a motion to approve the June 14, 2023 minutes with a second by Otterman. Unanimous approval.

Public Comment Period: Mechtenberg gave a reminder of decorum to be recognized during public comment period, including a 3-minute limit per person.

Steve/Tracy Huff spoke in support of display/materials

Jan Hausman spoke in support of library collection

Jeff Otterman spoke against book bans

Terry Winter repeated the support of previous speakers and spoke against book bans

Bernie Hunhoff spoke in support of library /against book bans

Lola Harens spoke in support of library and pointed to the policy that materials are chosen using professional resources and that there is a process for objections

A letter from Robert Byrnes opposing pride materials in library was read by City Manager Amy Leon

Stacey Nickels spoke in opposition to pride display to protect children

Jodi Broders wants a compromise with an age restricted area

Abigail Benson thanks to library for inclusion

Tonya Ferrell spoke in support of library's policies and collection

Discussion of bills/Accept Financial Report: Schmidt noted that roof replacement bids were planned to go out at the beginning of August with a hope for project completion by November 2023. Schmidt reported that \$625 was distributed to the Mead and the Yankton Community Library Foundation for proceeds from the Cemetery Walk. A recent ALA grant paid for the majority of Schmidt's conference fees and travel expenses to attend the ALA Conference in Chicago. Webber made a motion to approve the financial report with a second by Otterman. Unanimous approval.

Communications and correspondence: A note of thanks was received from Joyce Jefferson after her Juneteenth presentation at the library.

Director's Report: In addition to the written report, Schmidt reported a significant increase in library traffic from May to June. Schmidt reminded about upcoming library events including Starr Chief Eagle performing at the Riverside Park amphitheater with a rain location of the City Hall gym on Monday, July 17 as well as the summer reading wrap-up party at Riverside Park on Monday, July 31. The library received a grant from ALA Community Connect which will provide 5 laptops, 5 hotspots and service for one year to be checked out to library patrons. There is a part-time position that is open until filled. The Summer Reading fundraiser sponsored by Ben's Brew Station raised over \$700.

Old Business: None

New Business

- **Fax Policy:** A motion was made by Webber to accept the revised fax policy as presented with a second by Huff. Unanimous approval.

Adjourn Sine Die: A motion was made by Webber to adjourn sine die at 6:15 with a second by Koerner. Unanimous approval.

Call to Order: Library Director Dana Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Election of Officers: Webber made a motion to approve the slate of officers of Koerner as president and Otterman as vice president and to cease nominations with a second by Mechtenberg. Unanimous approval.

Other Business: Board and library director commended Mechtenberg for her services as board president.

Public Comment Period: No comments.

Adjourn the meeting of July 12, 2023: Mechtenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm with a second by Huff. Unanimous approval.