

**YANKTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 5:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting – GoToMeeting Interface &  
Yankton Community Library Meeting Room, 515 Walnut St. Yankton, SD 57078**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President David Koerner at 5:30 pm. Present were MaryPat Bierle, Meg Severson, Nathan Johnson, Yankton City Commissioner Jerry Webber, Yankton County Commissioner Ryan Heine, Library Director Dana Schmidt and Assistant Director Linda Dobrovolny. Sarah Mechtenberg was absent with regrets.

**Additions to the agenda:** None

**Approval of July 10, 2024 minutes:** Bierle made a motion to approve the July 10, 2024 minutes with a second by Johnson. Unanimous approval.

**Public Comment Period**

Schmidt gave an update on the Yankton Library Foundation's activities noting that Dr. Julia Hellwege from the USD Government Research Bureau presented survey results to the City Commission and is planning a public presentation at the library on August 27. The Big 3 (Trustees, Friends and Foundation) will be meeting on August 22 at noon at the library to give updates and discuss survey results. The survey summary will be posted on the library's website. The Press & Dakotan is also planning a story. City Manager Amy Leon was present to offer information on the potential impact of the passage of IM28.

**Discussion of bills/Accept Financial Report Motion:** Schmidt noted that there is continued discussion regarding the September 30 deadline to spend funds from the Accessibility Grant if the contractors cannot complete the project in time. Johnson motioned to accept the financial report with a second by Webber. Unanimous approval.

**Communications and correspondence:** Schmidt shared several thank you notes from patrons for Summer Reading prizes and commented that there had been extra excitement around the programs this year. She also noted that Mike Huether had contacted her to arrange a book event with his mother Diane Reese on September 29 with proceeds of book sales going to the library.

**Director's Report:** In addition to the written report, Schmidt noted that hotspots are still on pause due to possible grant extension. Friends are willing to pay monthly service costs until the end of 2024 if the grant is not extended. There are funds in the 2025 budget to continue service. She also highlighted two upcoming events: Shark in the Park will consist of an adult swim at the Huether Family Aquatic Center followed by a showing of *Jaws*. Staff is also preparing for the third annual Halloween costume swap to be held on October 5. Copies of three titles currently being requested for reconsideration are available at the circulation desk. Application for accreditation with the South Dakota State Library is due on Friday, August 16.

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business**

- **Strategic Plan:** Schmidt presented updates to the library's strategic plan. She noted that the format included items that had been completed since the last review along with suggested updates from staff. Bierle made a motion to approve with a second by Webber.  
Unanimous approval
- Schmidt made a request to move the September 2024 meeting from September 11, 2024 to September 18, 2024 as she will be attending a conference. Bierle made a motion to approve holding the regular monthly board meeting on September 18 at 5:30 with a second by Johnson. Unanimous approval.

### **Other Business:**

- Board members reviewed a highlight video of Summer 2024 programs.
- Schmidt noted that as part of the City's comprehensive planning process there will be an information gathering session at the Elks on August 20 at 6:00. Other listening sessions and pop up events will provide opportunities to highlight the future needs of the library.
- Webber recommended a video available on YouTube titled *To Be Destroyed* which describes recent book challenges in the Rapid City School District.

**Public Comment Period:** None

**Adjourn the meeting of August 14, 2024:** Bierle made a motion to adjourn at 6:16 pm with a second by Webber. Unanimous approval.