



Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 612 N. Main Street
May 16, 2023

1. Call to Order

Board President Nath called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Library - Roll Call

The following members were present in person: Dennis Nath, Diana Goldammer, Deb Everson, Steve Rice, and Ann Temple. Board member Emma DeVos was excused. Also present was Kevin Kenkel, Library Director.

3. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda. Motion by Goldammer, seconded by Everson, to approve the agenda. All members present voted "Aye". Motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed the minutes from the March 21, 2023 board meeting. Motion by Rice, seconded by Goldammer, to approve these minutes. All members present voted "Aye". Motion passed.

5. Director's Report

Board members reviewed written reports and monthly statistics for April 2023. Kenkel provided additional comments regarding the written reports. Motion by Goldammer, seconded by Temple, to approve the director's report. All members present voted "Aye". Motion passed.

6. Financial Report & Approval Of Bills

Board members reviewed the April bank statements and financial reports. Motion by Rice, seconded by Everson, to approve the financial reports. All members present voted "Aye". Motion passed.

7. Business Items

A. Action to Approve Funding Requests for May 2023

Kenkel presented a \$250 funding request for children's programming materials. Board members asked if these materials could be purchased using regular budget funding. After further discussion, Kenkel withdrew the request.

B. Discussion of Strategic Planning Training

Kenkel presented information regarding the May 2 regional library training conducted by the South Dakota State Library. Kenkel, Nath, Goldammer, and Zack North attended this training focused on strategic planning. Kenkel, Nath, and Goldammer all agreed that the session was valuable. Kenkel recommended that we undertake strategic planning this fall. Board members expressed support for this timeline.

8. Committee Reports

Goldammer reported that the Little Free Library (LFL) project is completed. The new LFL is located in the courtyard across the street from the Corn Palace. It is registered with the LFL organization. Library staff have added more books to this LFL twice already.

9. Board Input

Board members made a number of comments. Nath congratulated Jean Patrick on being named a Hometown Hero. Everson expressed appreciation that library staff are always so helpful. Nath stated he is impressed with the programming that the library offers. All board members thanked Rice for his years of service on City Council and the Library Board. This is Rice's last Library Board meeting as he will end his tenure on City Council at the end of June 2023.

10. Citizen's Input

No citizen's input was given.

11. Adjournment

Board members will meet June 20, 2023 at Mitchell Public Library for board training. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall. There being no further business, President Nath declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. After the meeting ended board members went across the street to view the new Little Free Library.