

NORTH SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
MEETING DATE: APRIL, 30, 2019

Call to order was given by board president Beth Strawn

Those present were: Beth Strawn, Teri Rademacher, Jane Lilly, Darcie Kistner, Ardis Semple and Liane Welte. Absent was: Dan Parks.

Minutes from the February 5th, 2019 meeting were read. A motion was made by Kistner to approve the minutes as written with a second by Strawn.

The Library Director report was given by Welte. The budget for the library through April was presented. The board asked Welte to look into the utility rate. It seems high for only being in the 4th month of the year. Welte will see if she can obtain the usage and rate from MidAmerican and see if this will answer some concerns. The current art display is Siouxland Artists which will be at the library through the end of April. The next artists will be Susie and Austin Rodriguez displaying their art during the months of May and June. An estimate for additional shelving has been requested from 3K Solutions and Custom Woodworking. Neither have gotten back to Welte with an estimate. Because of this she has requested a 3rd estimate from Northrup Construction. He came in and took information and will email an estimate as soon as possible. Two new computers were requested and have been installed at the front desk and at Library Assistant, Terri Pace's, station. There was talk of setting up an ALICE training for city employees but at this point has not been completed. A summer reading update was given. We are moving to 4 weeks of activities and 10 weeks of reading incentives. This has changed from 6 weeks of activities and reading incentives. The reason for the change being the substantial decrease in activity attendance numbers after the week of the 4th of July. The reading rewards program was increased from 6 week to 10 weeks so a focus can be on keeping patrons reading throughout the summer.

Old business included an update on maker spaces. This has been deferred to a later date. We are hoping to come alongside the school system and support their makerspace programs. An update will be given as soon as progress is made. We are still interested in offering life skills classes through the Union County Extension Office. We are having them bring in 4 classes this summer. The annual report was reviewed. This report is done yearly and figures sent in to the state library by the end of March. These figures are instrumental in the state library receiving federal dollars used for programs offered for free to South Dakota patrons. Summer help has been secured. We will be hiring Macady Anderson the help during Summer Reading and through July. Our hope is to train her and have her return each summer until she has completed high school and as long as she can commit thereafter. The sidewalk heaving issue was reviewed. It was reported by Welte that a contractor assessed the problem and will be giving his findings to Ted Cherry, City Administer, for review and action.

New Business included update on inventory status. This has started and is done by our regular volunteers when they come in. Our goal is to have this done by the end of July. The library has received the Stephanie Miller-Davies Grant of \$1000. This grant is given to libraries to help enrich their early literacy programs. We are one of 35 libraries receiving the grant this year. The 2019 Institute for library employees is being held during the week of June 2-7. This week long training focuses on in-depth instruction for 4 consecutive years and at completion, participants are recognized as certified public library practitioners. Welte will be attending her 2nd year of this program.

The next meeting was set for July 2 at 6:00pm to focus on our part during National Night Out on August 6, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 with a motion by Kistner and seconded by Semple.