MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Siouxland Libraries
Main Library
Wednesday, November 13, 2013

1. Roll Call and declaration of quorum. The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM by Stein. Members present: Gerald Beninga, Laura Reurink, Betsy Rice, Joel Rosenthal, Quinn Stein, and Library Director Mary Johns. Members absent: Kim Regnier. Staff present: Joan Reddy

2. Adoption of the agenda. Motion by Rosenthal and second by Reurink to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Rosenthal and second by Reurink to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Review of financial and statistical reports. Johns reported that the Library is on track with budget expenditures for FY 2013. The Library plans to purchase some early literacy stations aimed at preschool and elementary aged children. The stations are key components of the early literacy initiative. The Library statistical report shows library visits are up 8% and circulation is up 6%. Brandon Branch Librarian, Alysia Boysen’s community involvement has led to grants from the Brandon Edge and Brandon Chamber.

5. Library Director, Staff and Board Member Reports. One of the highlights this month was the inclusion of bookmarks from Siouxland Libraries in McDonald’s Happy Meals in Sioux Falls and Brandon. Next spring will see the “Geek the Library” awareness program launch. Summer Reading Club in 2014 will be science based. Zinio now has back issues of magazines available. The current round of computer classes features a wide variety and quantity of classes. Johns complimented Jim Oliver and Karen Wiechmann on The Little Outhouse on the Prairie puppet show; over a thousand kids saw the show at the United Way Reading Festival. Youth Services has presented multiple tours and story times for classes from Hawthorne, Garfield and Lowell Elementary schools. Johns met with Sioux Falls school staff about expanding the summer tutoring program. Rosenthal was one of the readers for Read for the Record program this fall. Over 3,500 children in Sioux Falls participated in Read for the Record. Paula Goettsch organized the first Spooky Writing program and it was a success. Food for Fines is in progress during November. The library is providing some space to house some traffic engineers during the renovation of City Hall in 2014. The Library is hoping to launch a streaming music and movie service for libraries soon. Johns is visiting with Humboldt about the possible relocation of the Humboldt Branch Library. There have been several staffing changes and retirements recently. The review of the library’s website continues; Vicki Biggerstaff reviewed some web site analytics and will continue to assess traffic patterns and access to various parts of the site.

6. Public Input. There was no public input.
7. Unfinished Business. There was no unfinished business.

8. New Business. There was no new business.

9. Other. The early returns on the customer satisfaction survey are very favorable.

10. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8 at 4:30PM at the Main Library.

11. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 5:28PM.

Joan Reddy
Library Staff

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Date Approved

Mary Johns
Board Secretary