MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Siouxland Libraries
Garretson Branch Library
Wednesday, September 9, 2015

1. Roll Call and declaration of quorum. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM by Mary Johns. Members present: John Beaman, Jean Beddow, Jean Bender, Jed Huisman, Betsy Rice, Becky Thurman, and Library Director Mary Johns. Staff present: Mark Blando and Jodi Fick

2. Introduction of both old and new members.

3. Adoption of the agenda. Motion by Betsy Rice and second by Jed Huisman to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting were approved.

5. Review of financial and statistical reports. Reviewed the current 2015 year to date budget. Johns shared the 2016 library budget request as part of the Mayor’s recommended budget to the City Council.

6. Library Director and Staff Reports. Johns explained the formation of Siouxland Libraries and the impact of changes in the past few years which have resulted in staff moving to more public functions. Johns talked about the role of the library in early childhood education and highlighted the “1000 Books Before Kindergarten” program. Johns explained the “Family Place Libraries” program that is being developed at Siouxland. The library received the Blossom Grant for $50,000 from the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation for this program. September is Library Card Sign Up month. Using a Snoopy theme, staff is taking a Lucy booth to various spots in the community and registering people and taking about library services. Read for the Record will again be observed on October 22. Johns will contact library board members to see if they can read in classrooms. This year’s book is Not Norman. The library has a new partnership with Feeding South Dakota at the Oak View Branch that provides snacks for children after school. 62 children came the first day. In addition to a snack, the children can participate in a special library program each day. Betsy asked if we can track card usage in relation to this program; staff will investigate.

7. Public Input. (There was no public input.)

8. Unfinished Business – None.

10. Election of Officers.
   a. President: Rice nominated Huisman for President; Thurman seconded. Motion carried.
   b. Vice-President: Rice nominated Beddow for Vice-President; Huisman seconded. Motion carried.

11. Other. Jodi Fick shared the 2016 budget presentation given to City Council. Mark Blando was introduced as the new Branch Manager for the east rural libraries. He talked about the successful presentations he and Alysia Boysen recently made at the Brandon Valley teacher in-service meetings.

12. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 4:30 PM at the Downtown Library, 200 N. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD

13. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Jodi Fick
Library Staff

Date Approved
Mary Johns
Board Secretary