MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Siouxland Libraries
Downtown Library
Wednesday, July 13, 2016

1. Roll Call and declaration of quorum. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM by Jed Huisman. Members present: Jed Huisman, Becky Thurman, Jean Beddow, Craig DeJager, County Commissioner Dick Kelly, and Library Director Mary Johns. Members absent: John Beaman
Staff present: Monique Christensen
Introduction of board members was done so that new member DeJager could learn about the team.

2. Adoption of the agenda. Motion by Thurman and second by Beddow to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Huisman asked if there were corrections or additions to the minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting. Seeing none, the minutes were approved as presented.

4. Review of financial and statistical reports. Financial report from the first half of 2016 was presented. Mary Johns shared this information in more depth to acquaint DeJager with the various areas reported to the board. Johns shared both operating and capital budgets and touched on the Caille Branch renovation. Johns talked about the direction for the 2017 flat budget and shared how that works with the joint governmental agencies; City and County. Johns also shared that the Colton Branch building has officially been paid for. The town residents were able to fund-raise the needed money for the project.

5. Library Director, Staff and Board Member Reports. Mary Johns shared some printed items with the board including some recent Daycare Newsletters, thank you notes from customers, posters and flyers for summer events and the stickers we are using with the Little Free Library at Fire Station 3. Johns explained how we are providing books for this Little Free Library and shared several other areas where we are sharing books in the community. We have a regular list of agencies that receive our withdrawn children’s materials. We are doing a free book Friday as part of the Hayward Thrive project. The Thrive project is a group of various agencies that are trying to find ways to help in this neighborhood that has been identified as high risk and food scarce. The library provides free books to the kids who are coming to the school for lunch on Fridays this summer. We are also providing bookmobile service and a storytime. Alysia Boysen, Rural West Branch Librarian had an encounter with a child who said “you guys are the best, this is the best book ever.” Johns shared the Family Place report that was sent to the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation as part of our Blossom Grant. Johns will email the full report to the board. Johns explained what Family Place is for our new member. We have more Family Place events planned including having a session at the Oak View Branch. Navy Week is coming the week of July 18-22. The library has many activities scheduled with the Navy at Oak View, Downtown and the Book Walk. The 5th Annual Book Walk is Wednesday.
20. ReadSquared is continuing to grow. This is our year-round reading club that is open to all ages from 1000 Books Before Kindergarten to school age, teens and adults. Johns shared the summer booklet of all the events going on throughout the system. This led to thoughts on developing electronic newsletter options. We are currently doing our Customer Satisfaction Survey. It is available in paper form or as a link on the website. The Branch Librarians are working on a program proposal form and evaluations that will help us manage our programs and help us see the return on investment of what we are providing. Monique Christensen provided an update on the Caille renovation project including showing the architectural renderings that were used at the press conference. Christensen shared some of the highlights of the building while showing the renderings.

6. Public Input. There was no public input.

7. Unfinished Business. There was no unfinished business.


9. Election of Officers. Motion by Thurman and second by Huisman to elect Beddow as President. Motion carried. Motion by DeJager and seconded by Thurman to elect Huisman as Vice President. Motion carried.

10. Other. The Library Board schedule was revised. A new schedule was handed out to the board members.

11. The next regular meeting will be on September 14, 2016 at 4:30 PM at the Colton Branch.

12. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Monique Christensen  
Library Staff  
9/14/16

Date Approved

Mary Johns  
Board Secretary  
Jodi Fick  
Assistant Director