

ROBERT W. BARLOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2017 5:30 P.M.

Board of Trustees vice-president, Jerry Lehtola, called the meeting to order at 5:30. Other Board members present were: Erin Schmidt, Sarah Gilbert, Mike Rottink, Rachel Lewey, and Dawn Parker. Erin Finnegan Andrews, library director, was also present.

The agenda for the meeting was presented and approved. (Gilbert/Rottink)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. (Lewey/Rottink)

The bills from the past month were presented for Board's review. Erin provided information on the various bills from the month of December. Memorial money helped purchase some books for the mysteries collection. Approval was given for payment of the bills. (Parker/Gilbert)

The Monthly Report and the Director's Report to the Board were presented.

* Overall, again, most numbers concerned with checkouts of the collections continue to be somewhat consistent with previous months, yet down slightly. This could possibly be due to the days when the library was closed over the holidays.

* Employee reviews will be conducted in the next month.

* The Gift Account balance is \$78,214.15

* Erin will meet with Jody and Page to discuss her budget requests, and then meet with the council to seek approval.

* Some lights that are not working, both inside and out. Marty will help getting a list to present to Mike Carson so they can be taken care of.

* Ann Sherve-Ose, a local author, was at the library where about 25 people were in attendance. She talked about her book that told about the Mississippi river.

* Popcorn movie afternoons for the children were held during the holiday break. These sessions averaged 10-20 children.

* The skate guards are at the library! They arrived in December and have been put on the skates. Now that they are cataloged, they are being checked out.

* More than \$120 of fines was erased when food was donated during December. Marty delivered the food to MICA.

* Erin will request funds from the Hardin County Community Endowment Fund Grant group. Erin and Rebecca are hoping to get additional shelving for the children's area. The Friends will match the HCCEF donation for the shelving.

Erin reported on the Friends group.

* The group will meet next week. There is no new report. A Vaudeville performer from the Minneapolis area will be here for Winterfest. The Board watched a video of their performance

There was no input from the public at the meeting.

Items for Discussion:

* As part of the training for the Library Board, we viewed a video, "Beyond Books: A look into What Public Libraries Really are..."

Parker moved to adjourn. Lewey provided the second.
The meeting adjourned at 6:15.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2018.

Submitted by Dawn Parker