

ROBERT W. BARLOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Monday, May 6, 2019 6:03 P.M.

Robert W. Barlow Memorial Library Conference Room

Board of Trustees president, Rachel Lewey, called the meeting to order at 6:03. Other board members present were: Alison Campbell, Brad Cutler, Jerry Lehtola, Sarah Gilbert, Dawn Parker, and Mike Rottink. Also present was Erin Finnegan-Andrews, library director.

The agenda for the meeting was presented and approved. (Lehtola/Parker)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed. (Parker/Lehtola)

The bills from the past month were presented for the Board's review. A gift from the Sue Gervich Memorial was used for travel books that are now on display. The Friends of the Library reimbursed the cost of cookies and coffee during library week. The backflow inspection required by the city was completed and North Country Landscaping did spring clean-up and clearing. A new scanner was purchased for barcodes and library cards. Approval was given for payment of the bills. (Gilbert/Parker)

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

*Bike check-outs are picking up as the weather improves. The community room was rented 29 times in April.

*The Gift Account balance is \$80,065.32.

*Erin met with the new salesperson for Halvorson Trane and they looked into repairs and thermostat issues.

*Tentative speaker plans for the fall:

- September – presentation about the Carnegie Libraries of Iowa
- October – maybe a paranormal speaker; the Friends might also do something
- November – Linda McCann is returning for another Iowa history talk
- December – an author with research on Iowa ties to the Titanic

The Friends of the Library will pay at least \$3,300 of Summer Reading Program costs; the total cost estimate is \$4,000. The scholarship recipient and alternate have been selected. The Friends will meet next week for the last time until fall.

There was no input from the public at the meeting.

Items for Discussion:

*Erin demonstrated the features of the BrainFuse database.

*The Board viewed the Summer Reading Program schedule and printed materials.

Parker moved to adjourn. Cutler provided the second.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Sarah Gilbert