

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 25, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 5:58 p.m. on January 25, 2025, by President Steve Bascom. The members present were Steve Bascom, Becky Carico, Lacey Hall, Dale Menning, Marcia Priestley, and Library Staff Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly.

Menning moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 16, 2024; Hall seconded the motion, which was approved.

It was brought to the attention of the board that the cost of the Des Moines Register subscription had nearly doubled. Priestley moved to cancel the Des Moines Register subscription, Menning seconded and the motion carried. Bascom motioned to approve the financial report as presented, and Carico seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS:

Director Jerri Hawkins provided a report on recent statistics to the board. **Friends of the Library** are planning the trivia fundraiser which is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Their next meeting will be Monday, March 3 at 6:15 p.m. **Bridge and Cribbage** groups had 46 in attendance so far this month. **The Book Club** met on Tuesday, January 14 with 5 attendees. The **Card Making Club** and **Cookbook Club** both met on Thursday, January 16 with 11 and five people attending respectively. **Friday StoryHour** had 44 attendees in December and 38 attendees so far in January. STEM after-school event on January 9 had 13 attendees. Upcoming events include an evening book club on January 28. For **SILO FY25 Fiscal YTD**, Borrowed 95 and Loaned 144. **Libby/Bridges** checkouts Fiscal YTD are 2,923 (audio-1,487; e-books-972; Magazines-464) Advantage titles (47 audiobooks and 57 e-books). The library **circulation** is 5,685 YTD (excluding autorenewal). We have added 11 new patrons and had 10 renewals for 1,505 patrons.

Friends of the Library are planning two fundraising events; Trivia Night is set for February 8, 2025, and the Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 14, 2025.

Jerri will be taking the ILOC training on January 30, 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unfinished business was the budget for the fiscal year 2026. Wages were discussed. Menning motioned that library employees be given a flat rate of \$1.50 an hour, the same as other city employees. Carico seconded, and the motion passed. Carico amended the motion to specify that the library staff wage increase will go into effect on July 1, 2025. Hall seconded the motion, which was approved. Carico moved that the board accept the budget proposal as library director Jerri Hawkins presented it. Menning seconded. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING-- policy review for bylaws or equipment checkout

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. The next board meeting will be on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly, Recording Secretaries