

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.
Library meeting room

Minutes

Roll Call –Christine Davis, Josh Horak, Ron Edstrom, Kelly Kirk, Daryl Johnson, Larry Klarenbeek, Amber Wilde

Public Comment

Citizen John Dale and daughters expressed concern about the dangers of radiation from wireless technology, and specifically 5G, and asked that the board consider removing devices from the library.

Consent Agenda

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Chris moved to approve the January meeting minutes. Kelly seconded. Approved unanimously.

Financial report – Larry moved to approve the financial report as submitted, Chris seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

Director's Report

State Level: SDLA conference plans are underway. If anyone is aware of any area businesses that might be interested in purchasing a booth to exhibit their products or services to librarians from throughout the state, please let Amber know so they can be added to the invitation list.

Black Hills Library Consortium: Member libraries are working on getting our e-books to list in our regular catalog to improve accessibility.

Local Projects: The library had a booth at the Home Show. This year's attendance numbers seemed to be down a bit, but those that came through seemed genuinely interested and we dealt with a number of questions that may not have come to us otherwise. Clean-up of the non-fiction section is ongoing. Staff members are also beginning planning for the Summer Reading program. This year's theme is space.

Staffing: No changes to report.

Training: Nothing new to report.

Circulation Statistics:

January 2019

Total	Total
Loans	Renewals

7,117 1,612

February 2019

Total Total

Loans Renewals

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6,113 1,631

Board Training – Amber reported that the number of hours of training for board members in the last couple of years is fairly high due to Emily attending conference. In order to spread the training around, we will seek to have other members attend some sessions at this year’s conference since it will be in Spearfish. Once registration is out, Amber will have more information on this.

Strategic Plan Update –

Changes to the current goals were discussed. Goal 3 regarding the Black Hills Library Consortium should be removed, as it has been accomplished. Goal 4 regarding physical library space will be adapted to consider options for better use of the existing library space. An additional goal will be considered to assess and balance the needs and concerns of the community regarding technology. Staff will take this guidance under consideration and present some recommendations to the board.

Patron Survey –

Another requirement of the accreditation is to survey the public, and since one has not been done in several years, options for conducting a survey were discussed. Questions about programming and the library space were suggested. Tabled until May meeting.

Items from the Board –

Chris asked about the meaning of e-mails from the South Dakota Library Association and whether action is required.

Members discussed whether the wireless technology concerns should be considered at a future meeting. It was decided that the situation should continue to be monitored.

Action Items

Review and Approval of Circulation Policy – Amber will make some suggested modifications, remove all references to fee amounts, and have the policies looked at by the City Attorney. Changes will be considered at May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next meeting: May 9 at 3:30 p.m.