

Central Plains Library System  
Board Meeting  
Hybrid Meeting  
October 8, 2021  
10:00 a.m.  
Kearney Public Library

**Board Members Present via Zoom:** Janene Hill, Lori Long, Linda Nickel

**Board Members Present in person:** Tony Anderson, Jody Crocker, Jamie Dennis, Sherri Dux-Ideus, Terri Eberly, Terri Johnson, Matthew Williams

**Board Members Absent:** Doris Brandon, Shelley Ruterbories

**Other Attendees via Zoom:** Christa Porter (Nebraska Library Commission)

**Other Attendees in person:** Denise Harders (CPLS Staff), Tim Johnson

**Call to order/Roll Call:** President, Terri Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tony Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2021, meeting. Janene Hill seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as circulated in the meeting packet.

**Financial Reports:** Denise Harders reviewed the financial report. Matt Williams made a motion to approve the financial report. Sherri Dux-Ideus seconded the motion. The financial reports were approved as circulated in the meeting packet.

**Correspondence:** Denise Harders read correspondence received

- Jennifer Einspahr: Thank you for the plant for the open house for the new Arapahoe Library
- Judy Hagan: Thank you for the Board's parting gifts
- Marty Magee: Thank you for speaking to her "Library Foundations" class at CCC
- Lacey Kollath: Student thank you for speaking to the "Library Foundations" class. Several emails thanking Denise were also received
- Macey Lackaff: Thank you for scholarships to NLA

**Director's Report:** Denise gave a recap of the report found in the board meeting packets. Highlights: CPLS will continue with the Thursday morning Zoom meetings and will look to host Director only meetings as well after the first of 2022. Denise visited various public libraries delivering MakerSpace equipment. CPLS also hosted a variety of workshops and webinars. In addition, Denise also assisted several libraries with the ARPA grants, the NLA Youth Grants for Excellence and the Library Improvement grant applications. Her goal is to have 100% of the libraries in the CPLS area apply and receive the state ARPA funds.

**Old Business:**

- The 2021-2022 Budget was presented for approval. Discussion was held on the percentage raise given to the staff. After hearing from the NLC on raises for their offices, the board recommended the 2% increase for staff salaries. Terri Eberly made a motion to accept the budget proposal. Tony Anderson seconded the motion. The 2021-2022 budget was approved as presented.
- ARPA Formula Grants Report: 38 out of the 71 libraries in the CPLS area have received funds or have an application in process.

## **New Business:**

- **Bulk Loan Program:** Seventeen libraries in the system participate in the Bulk Loan Program. (7/Hastings and 10/McCook). Each participating library pays an annual fee of \$50.00 for this service. The CPLS provides financial support to the two lending libraries. It was brought to our attention that the Cozad Library also provides this service to two libraries at no cost. They are not under contract with the CPLS and therefore receive no financial assistance from the system. After discussion, the board decided to continue with contracts for Hastings Public Library and the McCook Library.
- **Financial Compilation by Gary Riggs:** Annual figures and reports presented.
- **Two newly accredited libraries in the CPLS:** Elm Creek Public Library and the Maxine White-Sutherland Public Library received Bronze Accreditation.
- **System ARPA Funds:** Funds received \$12,500. Denise reported that the system purchased Mobile Computer Lab 12 laptop computers, bags, external mouse for each computer, and additional batteries. (\$3267.62) She received suggestions for use of the remaining funds to take under advisement: Summer Reading Performer to travel around the system, Professional Speakers for Education on Library Topics, Adult Book Club Kits. She is open to any ideas. Christa Porter said the CPLS could also make mini-grants available to libraries in the system.
- **Use of social media for board information:** Jamie Dennis inquired about considering Facebook or other social media for staying in touch. She will put together a proposal and bring it to the January 2022 board meeting.

**Other Business:** Christa Porter presented her report via ZOOM and gave a recap of the material included in the board packet. The NLC is open for in-person business following CDC protocols. Highlights

- **ARPA money** available to public libraries meeting criteria (do not need to be accredited) other grant moneys available through application process. The NLC will award Youth in Excellence and Library Improvement grants on October 29, 2021. The NLC internship application process closes on November 5. CE and Training grants application closes on January 14, 2022.
- **ARSL 2021 Conference:** October 20-23 in Reno/Sparks NV. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required.
- **Internet Librarian Conference:** October 26-28 in Monterey, CA switching to virtual format. Nebraska librarians are still eligible for a discount for a virtual pass using the NLC discount code. See NLC Blog post for details.
- **Library Innovation Studios Project:** 2021 Nebraska Makerspace Conference (final networking event) will be held on November 2 and 3 at the UNL Innovation Campus. The event will be open to others beyond representatives for the 35 project libraries, staff, and project partners. Great conference for any library considering a makerspace. Demonstrations and panel discussions.
- **Basic Skills 2021 Schedule:** See the NLC website for information.

**Adjourn:** Matt moved to adjourn the board meeting. Tony seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Eberly, Secretary