

July 14, 2023
Central Plains Library System
Hybrid Board Meeting
Wilson Public Library, Cozad

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President Terri Johnson. Secretary Terri Eberly took roll call.

Board Members present: Sharon Bohling, Stephanie Branham, Jody Crocker, Jamie Dennis, Sherri Dux-Ideus, Terri Eberly, Terri Johnson, Lisa Mount, James Tidei **Board Members absent:** Janene Hill, Kina Stefka. **Others in attendance:** Denise Harders, Deb Fairbanks, Andrew Sherman, Holly Woldt, Judy Hagan, Laurie Yocom, Amanda Shelton, Tim Johnson, Michael Burris, Jennifer Norton, Veronica Kaufman, Jane Hilton, Carla Post, Mary Koch.

Approval of the minutes: It was moved by Jamie Dennis and seconded by Sharon Bohling to approve the minutes with correction to spelling of last name Bohling. The minutes were approved with spelling correction.

Financial Report: Denise Harders reviewed the financial report. It was moved by Sharon Bohling and seconded by Terri Johnson to approve the financial report. The financial report was approved as circulated.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were read:

Amanda Shelton, Franklin Public Library; Amy Coffman, Sutherland Public Library; Judy Hagan, Atkinson Public Library; for funding for the humanities program by David Marsh.
Amy Coffman, Sutherland Public Library for the summer reading supplies.
Janel Keyes, Howard Elementary School, Grand Island for the paracord kit
Judy Hagan, Atkinson Public Library for the Mental Health Monday packet
Kelli Helton, St. Paul Public Library for the die cuts
Kristi Hagstrom, Ord Township Library for the Cricut workshop
Wilson Public Library Staff Members, Cozad for the system services
Rod Wagner shared via email a thank you received by Diane Brownstone for the Gift of 100 Library Books from the Spencer Township Library

Director's Report: Highlights of the report included:

- increased requests for book kits.
- use of the Cricut equipment.
- Deb was busy with die cut requests for the summer reading program.
- Thursday Morning Meetings are still popular with average attendance around 18.
- The system sent out a System Services Survey in April.
- April was designated the CPLS Month of Weeding (random drawing for \$100.00 amazon gift card went to Katie Foster at Indianola Public Library).
- May was recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month and Denise sent out emails with messages and suggestions to share with patrons and staff. Jennie Smith from Wilson Public Library was the winner of a Chicken Soup for the Soul book titled: ***The Advice that Changed My Life: 101 Stories of Epiphanies and Wise Words.***
- The system office changed from Spectrum to Allo for telephone and internet services.

Old Business:

- Denise explained the investments held with Edward D. Jones.
- Denise reviewed the Survey results that were circulated. Many positive comments and feedback on future workshops and services the system could provide.
- David Marsh, Humanities Program sponsored for system libraries as of the meeting there were 21 appearances.
- CPLS Biennial Conference: Tools of the Trade, will be held at the Kearney Public Library, on October 19, 2023. The cost of the conference is \$25.00, and attendance will be limited to 70 attendees. Attendees will have the opportunity to earn 7 CEs.
- Officer Elections were held. It was moved by Sharon Bohling and seconded by Stephanie Branham to elect the slate of officers: Terri Johnson, President; Jody Crocker, Vice-President and Terri Eberly, Secretary. The motion passed.

New Business:

- 2023-2025 Plan of Service was reviewed. It was recommended that we change STEAM to STREAM to include reading. It was moved by Jamie Dennis to amend the plan of service as stated above. It was seconded by Lisa Mount. The motion was approved as amended.
- 2023-2024 Budget. Denise reviewed the proposed budget. Discussion was held regarding salaries. Wages for the current assistant, Deb Fairbanks, will be \$15.00/hour for 15 hours per week. Denise can advertise and hire additional staff with QuickBooks experience. Salary for the position will be \$16.00/hour for 25 hours per week. Noting the salary adjustments, it was moved by James Tidei and seconded by Sherri Dux-Ideus to approve the 2023-24 budget. The motion passed.
- Denise reviewed upcoming workshops.

Next Board Meeting: October 13, 2023

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri C. Eberly, Secretary