

**CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM
HYBRID MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2024
KEARNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA**

President James Tidei called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken.

Present: Sharon Bohling, Stephanie Branham, Jane Hilton, Lisa Mount, Jennifer Norton, James Tidei.

Absent: Jody Crocker, Jamie Dennis, Sherrie Dux-Ideus, Kina Stefka.

Others in Attendance: Matthew Williams, Director, Kearney Public Library, Christa Porter, Denise Harders.

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 12, 2024, quarterly meeting were circulated. It was moved by Jane Hilton and seconded by Jennifer North to approve the minutes as circulated, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CPLS Director Denise Harders presented the financial report, mentioning that we are 25% of the way through the new year. The budget shows that we spent just under 20% of the budget for the fiscal year, which is good. Sharon Bohling moved and Jennifer Norton seconded to accept report as presented, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Denise presented three thank you notes for System scholarships, two notes from retired System Board Members, three notes of appreciation for System services, and one thank you from Marty Magee, CCC Instructor, for meeting with her students.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Denise mentioned that there are several new items on the loaning lists. Book club sets are the items that are circulated the most and Deb's Preschool Projects are a terrific way for the System to provide services to schools as well as public libraries. Ord Township Library will be hosting the Regional jigsaw puzzle competition on October 19, 2024. A lot of interest has been shown in this competition. The NLA conference held in Kearney on October 10, 2024, was attended by several from our system. A number of Board Members expressed interest in holding another CPLS Regional conference. April of 2026 was mentioned as a tentative date.

OLD BUSINESS: The final budget for the next fiscal was presented with corrections and additions from our July meeting. Thursday morning meetings which started during the Covid shutdown are still going strong.

NEW BUSINESS: The scholarship report was presented. Eleven full ride scholarships were utilized for the Youth Services Retreat held at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland. A financial compilation was presented and discussed. Gary Riggs, our accountant, broke it down into audit form. Cindy Osborne, the Director for the Western Library System, will be leaving her position next spring.

NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION REPORT: In the 2025-2027 state biennium budget, there is a new request item for funding for continuation of the Reader Zone subscription that began with ARPA a few years ago. Application for all four of the usual grants for 2025 opened on September 20. The deadline for these grants is November 15. As of August 8, all Nebraska public library E-rate applications that were submitted for funding have been approved. There will be 4 workshops for e-rate funding held on Nov.

20, 22, 25 and 26. The 2024 Public Library Accreditation officially closed on October 1. 30 libraries have been re-accredited so far. Due to extenuating circumstances, some libraries have been given extensions to later this year or 2025. The call for speakers for Big Talk from Small Libraries 2025 has gone out. Deadline for proposals is December 13—the conference will be on February 28, 2025. Bailey Mooney has joined the NLC on July 22 as the new TBBS Marketing and Outreach Coordinator. One Book One Nebraska selection will be “The Long March Home: A World War II Novel of the Pacific” (Revell, 2023) by Marcus Brotherton and Tosca Lee. Support materials to assist with presentations and activities will be available after January 1, 2025 on the NLC website. NCompass Live schedule will be Oct 16,23,30, Nov 6, 13, Dec. 11 and Jan. 8, 2025. Detailed information is available online, as is the Basic Skills Accreditation workshops. Christa Porter noted there will be a 5% budget increase for library systems.

Adjourn

A delicious lunch was brought in from Panera, compliments of the regional system.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Hilton, secretary