

Holdrege Area Public Library
Minutes for December 5, 2023 Board Meeting

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled board meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library was called to order in the library conference room at 4:05 pm by board president, John Sauder. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act posted on the bulletin board in the conference room. Members present were Annette Sindt, Julie Johnson, Rosanna Meyer, Bill Yochum, Sue Christensen, and John Sauder. Members Sandi Ericson, Maureen Epping, Cassie Ehrenberg, and Jennifer Sand were absent.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 7, 2023 meeting, printed in the meeting agenda were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Annette Sindt and seconded by Rosanna Meyer. The minutes were approved with affirmative votes from Annette Sindt, Rosanna Meyer, Julie Johnson, John Sauder, Bill Yochum, and Sue Christensen.

Public Forum: Lola Tiller was present with no public comment.

Financial Report: The financial report, printed in the meeting agenda, was reviewed. It was moved by Bill Yochum and seconded by John Sauder to approve the financial report. The report was approved with affirmative votes from Annette Sindt, Rosanna Meyer, Julie Johnson, John Sauder, Bill Yochum, and Sue Christensen.

Approval of bills: The monthly bills, listed on the expenses by vendor detail and balance sheets, were reviewed and approved following a motion to approve made by Sue Christensen and seconded by Annette Sindt. The motion passed with affirmative votes from all voting members present: Annette Sindt, Rosanna Meyer, Julie Johnson, John Sauder, Bill Yochum, and Sue Christensen.

New business: John Sauder and Sue Christensen reported on their November 21st meeting with city officials regarding future steps to take in consideration of the future of the library building. Director Mike Burris and board members will review BVH materials regarding square footage requirements of a library only - if a new building were to be built - to determine if the existing site with parking lot ground would provide sufficient space.

Also, there was discussion about steps to take to arrange for CPR training for library staff and to acquire AEDs for the library. Bill Yochum will check with the hospital to see about scheduling training and possible grants that might be available to the library.

Director's Report:

1. Auditor was delayed, but will have complete report in time for the January board meeting, 1/9/24.
2. Special programs are drawing large crowds.
3. The problem "smell" in the office area is not yet resolved. City workers will assist.
4. Planning a special event in early January to call attention to new-year of programming.
5. The procedure for staff absences on Saturdays has been written and is in the board packet for review.
6. The steering committee for the Creative Arts District (including Library Director Mike Burris and staff member Sierra Burrows) is submitting their proposal to the Nebraska Arts Council.

Adjournment: Being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Rossana Meyer and seconded by Annette Sindt.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the library conference room.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Christensen
in the absence of secretary Maureen Epping,