

Holdrege Area Public Library February 6, 2024 Board Meeting

The regularly scheduled board meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library was called to order in the library conference room at 4:00pm. 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, Sue Christensen, Cassie Ehrenberg, John Sauder, Bill Yochum, Julie Johnson, Sandi Ericson, Rosanna Meyer, Maureen Epping, and library director Mike Burris. Absent was Jennifer Sand.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 9, 2024 meeting printed in the meeting agenda were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes with a spelling correction was made by Bill Yochum and seconded by Sue Christensen. The minutes were approved with affirmative votes from Annette Sindt, Sue Christensen, Cassie Ehrenberg, John Sauder, Bill Yochum, Julie Johnson, Sandi Ericson, Rosanna Meyer, and Maureen Epping.

Public forum: There was no one present for public comment.

Auditor's report: The auditor will send a report to the director of the library on Monday, February 12. Mike will send out the report to all board members for further review.

Financial report: The financial report, printed in the meeting agenda, was reviewed. It was moved by Sandi Ericson and seconded by Cassie Ehrenberg to approve the financial report. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Annette Sindt, Sue Christensen, Cassie Ehrenberg, John Sauder, Bill Yochum, Julie Johnson, Sandi Ericson, Rosanna Meyer, and Maureen Epping.

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

New business: Ideas were presented to the board on ways for the library to reach out to the community. The library director discussed the fees for interlibrary loans and a motion was made to increase the fees for interlibrary loans from \$3 to \$5 for each book. A motion to approve this was made by John Sauder and seconded by Rosanna Meyer. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Annette Sindt, Sue Christensen, Cassie Ehrenberg, John Sauder, Bill Yochum, Julie Johnson, Sandi Ericson, Rosanna Meyer, and Maureen Epping.

Director's report:

1. The library will be closed on February 26 so that all staff can attend CPR training. A grant has been applied for to purchase an AED for the library.
2. A specialist came to investigate the cause of the smell in the library. He is speculating that it might possibly be methane gas release from the sewers and further testing will be done to see if this is the cause of the smell.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Annette Sindt and seconded by Rosanna Meyer. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Epping, secretary