

Holdrege Area Public Library January 7, 2025 Board Meeting

The regularly scheduled board meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library was called to order in the library conference room at 4:00 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act posted on the bulletin board in the conference room. Members present were: Annette Sindt, Rosanna Meyer, Sue Christensen, Lori Larson, Cassie Ehrenberg, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, Maureen Epping, and director Sierra Burrows. Anna Sertich arrived at 4:05 pm.

Consent agenda: The minutes from the December 3, 2024, library board meeting as well as the financial report and approval of bills were reviewed. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Lori Larson and seconded by Annette Sindt. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Annette Sindt, Rosanna Meyer, Sue Christensen, Lori Larson, Cassie Ehrenberg, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, and Maureen Epping.

Public forum: Lola Tiller was present but had no public comment at this time.

New business: An info graphic with library statistics for the annual report to the city council and county commissioners is being prepared.

Policy 1.2.6, 1.3.7, 1.6.5, 1.11 and Tool 1.3 were reviewed again. A motion to approve the above policies was made by Lori Larson and seconded by Sue Christensen. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Annette Sindt, Rosanna Meyer, Sue Christensen, Lori Larson, Cassie Ehrenberg, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, Anna Sertich, and Maureen Epping.

A discussion was held about who is the library's authorized signer for the Phelps County Community Foundation fund. A motion was made to approve library board president Cassie Ehrenberg or vice president Sue Christensen to be the authorized signers for the Phelps County Community Foundation fund by Anna Sertich and seconded by Julie Johnson. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Annette Sindt, Rosanna Meyer, Sue Christensen, Lori Larson, Cassie Ehrenberg, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, Anna Sertich, and Maureen Epping.

Old business: The library board of trustees by-laws were reviewed again and a motion was made to approve the by-laws for the library board of trustees by Lori Larson and seconded by Rosanna Meyer. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Annette Sindt, Rosanna Meyer, Sue Christensen, Lori Larson, Cassie Ehrenberg, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, Anna Sertich, and Maureen Epping.

Term limits as listed in the update by-laws were discussed and reviewed. A new city or county library board member would have a three year term with a maximum of three consecutive terms.

Potential new board members were discussed to fill the county seat vacancy. A potential county board member will be contacted to see if they are still interested in being a part of the library board.

The new building initiative was discussed. It was decided to set up a meeting with the mayor, city council members, Holdrege Memorial Homes president, a Holdrege Memorial Homes board member, library board members Sue Christensen, Bill Yochum, Lori Larson, library director Sierra Burrows, and library board president Cassie Ehrenberg to discuss the new building initiative.

The "smell" is still present in the library. Fans are currently being used to help remedy the problem.

The staff in-service was discussed and the board okayed the staff to have a quarterly in-service day.

Director's report:

1. A new custodian has been hired.
2. To remedy the mail delivery problem, a new key pad and sensor will be installed for the employee entrance.
3. Staff office relocation plans were discussed. By the end of January, the process of moving them will be started.
4. Library staff evaluations are underway. At this time, the library staff responsibilities and roles have been tabled.
5. Give 2 Grow yielded \$11,138.13. That money will be used to purchase book carts.
6. The water valve in the boiler has been leaking. The city is currently working on getting a plumber to come in and fix the problem.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Bill Yochum and seconded by Anna Sertich to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Epping, secretary