

Republican Valley Library System Annual Meeting

June 6, 2014 11:00 am

McCook City Library

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Welcome: President Jody Crocker called the 2014 Annual Meeting of the general membership of the Republican Valley Library System to order at 11:23 with an extremely warm welcome. There are 28 in attendance.

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting: The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were read by board member Sky Seery. Annette Eisenhart made a motion to accept the minutes with a couple of corrections (don't you just love auto correct?). Sharon Bohling seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Nebraska Regional Library Systems Reconfiguration – Denise read the announcement regarding the new System Reconfiguration which will be in place by Jan. 2015. A map with the new regions is included in the packet. With this restructure, libraries of all kinds will still be served. Rod Wagner passed around a Q & A sheet regarding this reconfiguration.

Presentation of Budget: With the reconfiguration plans in place, Denise created a 6 month budget to run through 12.31.14. RVLS Board approved the budget in their meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. Not an easy task to create a 6 month budget, there is a balance between the yearly subscriptions and payments.

Introduction of Board Members: Board members who have expiring terms have agreed to stay on due to the reconfiguration for the 6 month period. Board Members were given a token of appreciation for their dedication to the board. *{Trust me when I say the pleasure is ours. - Sky}*

Administrator's Report: Denise included a pamphlet that highlighted the RVLS services and projects. New services include Workshops on Demand. 18 were completed in the last year. Every 6 months new offerings are available on the RVLS website. Denise was really busy during the year.

Other Business:

Rod Wagner provided an NLC Report –John Felton is retiring on 6.27.14. Partnership w/NEST 529, scholarships for completing the summer reading program – 5 from each congressional district. The student received \$529 and library \$250. (See web page) McCook received an internship grant, in all \$32,000 were awarded for internships around the state. The Laura Bush 21st Century Grant is nearing the end. It has paid out a large amount of money towards scholarships, internships, etc. Overdrive is approaching 150 state members. There is \$150,000 available this coming year for ebooks and audiobooks. It is expected that the same amount or more will be available in the future years. Jan of 2015 will have a new Governor and 17 state Senators. Included in the group are new members of the appropriation committee. June 10th an important vote for Senators to vote for technology, specifically LSTA Funding. Hopefully he is very mindful of the libraries and shows his support in his vote. Thanks to those libraries going through or have gone through the accreditation process.

The very last ever RVLS Annual Meeting ever was adjourned at 12:13 by Jody Crocker. The group enjoyed a tasty lunch and then toured the Frank Lloyd Wright home {Special thanks and to Jody Crocker and her staff for hosting annual meeting this year! They had a marvelous spread for all. Their newly renovated library is simply gorgeous!}

Respectfully submitted,

Sky Seery, RVLS Board Secretary