

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH SIOUX CITY

PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting on: 5/06/2020

A meeting of the South Sioux City Library Advisory Board was held May 6, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by President Helen Sorensen who stated that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the meeting room and is available for review by all in attendance. Present were board members Ardel Bengston, Sally Reinert, Helen Sorensen, Vicki Hirschert, Ian LaVie, and Director Cicely Douglas.

Minutes of the previous meeting were disseminated for approval. Moved: Jan Johansen. Seconded: Sally Reinert. Approved: Yes.

Corrections of minutes: none.

Correspondence and Communications: none.

Librarians report: Stats were distributed. Social media stats continue to improve. Attendance has decreased since closing the doors due to COVID-19 but services are still available.

Committee reports: none.

Old Business:

Website: Ian and Cicely are discussing needs of the new website,

School contract starts May 1. Part of those funds could potentially be used to pay for the website.

Patron counters: Built into the Gilchrest grant which was not accepted. The Gilchrest grant needs to go through a 501c3.

Friends of the Library could be established beginning with library staff and library board until new members join. Cicely will double check whether or not Friends group is able have library staff.

New Business:

Fundraising possibilities: Kitchen into small business popup. Complicated to figure out. Potential for revenue to assist small businesses. Consider looking at as thing open back up. Fundraising during this time is difficult to figure out.

History Center: Cicely and Dan are planning ideas for the History Center. Applications for grants will open up in the winter.

Marketing: Library has a new YouTube channel. Cicely is showing staff how to create videos. Book reviews. Book talks. Cooking demos. Used to promote services and databases.

Prairie Garden: Info display and bird bath OK'd by the Parks department and City Hall approve. Cicely will look into pricing. Library will use the Adult services budget.

Policy changes: Our new ways of approaching services to people will require policy adjustments. Library will create a Pandemic Policy to address COVID19.

Helen volunteered to join the Friends group to get it started. Cicely will review rules of library Friends to make sure procedure is permitted.

Adjournment: Moved: Jan Johansen Seconded: Ardel Bengston

Adjourned Time: 6:30pm

President

Secretary