

Springfield Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting
March 25, 2024

Present: Neal Eickhoff, Sue Pereira, Kitty Kentsmith, Sue Startzer, Kathleen Gottsch, Kellie Seiber, Iro Johnson, and Susan Snyder.

Absent: Joan Schram

President Neal Eickhoff called the meeting together at 1:30.

After a review of the minutes Sue Pereira made the motion to accept the minutes and Sue Startzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The bills were reviewed, and Iro made the motion to accept the bills and Susan Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET:

Budget: \$137,209.43
General: \$5,109.06
Memorial: \$21,398.44
Snider Savings: \$1,647.99
Snider CD: \$33,724.39
Bricks Savings: \$978.93

DEPOSITS:

General: \$148 Fines/fees
General: \$1000 Donations (Madeline Chase Charitable Foundation Fund)
Memorial: \$1265 Honors- Sue Startzer's birthday, Memorials for Marilyn Milks, John Milks, Francis Ray Nicholson, and Kathie Welsh

FEBRUARY AVERAGE STATISTICS:

Internet Users: 61
New Patrons:
Circulation: 1179
Overdrive circulation: 469

BUSINESS:

National Library Week is April 1-14, 2024
The Sarpy County Libraries worked together to create a passport program for patrons to visit and participate in activities in all 6 libraries. Passport booklets are available to all library patrons.

Sue Startzer made the motion to approve an Amnesty period for all library materials from April 1-14, 2024, during which time fines will be waived. Sue Pereira seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Startzer made the motion to continue the computer protection program meeting the annual CIPA requirements. Sue Pereira seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kellie, Connie, and Kitty attended the Nebraska Library Commission Advocacy Days in Lincoln. The main focus was Legislative Bill 441 (obscenities bill) Passage of this law would allow patrons to file criminal charges if in their opinion the book owned by the library contained obscenities. The Nebraska Library Association is strongly opposed to this bill being proposed by Senator Albright. The bill did not make it out of committee.

Kitty complimented and thanked Kellie and Connie for how colorful and inviting our library is and for being so innovative and organized. They stand out among the other libraries in in Nebraska.

The Blue Jeans and Boots 4H group and sponsor Beth Meister Carlson asked for permission to set up a free food pantry at the library site. Sue Pereira made the motion to allow a 3-month trial for a free food pantry to be set up in the library entry way with the 4H group totally responsible for maintenance. Iro Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kellie presented the Summer Reading Program brochure titled Weekly Adventures. The program is called "Adventure Begins at Your Library" and runs from May 28-July 31.

Programming Updates include very successful Spring Bingo, Tournament of Books (fantasy), book clubs, and LibraryCon. LibraryCon took place at the Papillion library with many booths, vendors, and activities.

Future programs include Green Day, Crafty Tuesday, Recycle Art Day, and May Day Baskets. Patrons will try to make Faberge eggs during crafty Tuesday and any trinkets would be welcome for Recycling Art Day.

Iro made the motion at 2:05 to adjourn and Sue Pereria seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Kentsmith, Secretary