

Springfield Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

January 27, 2025

Present: Neal Eickhoff, Sue Pereira, Kitty Kentsmith, Joan Schram, Sue Startzer, Kathleen Gottsch, Kellie Banks, Susan Snyder, and Iro Johnson

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

The bills were reviewed, and Joan made the motion to pay the bills and Iro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET:

Budget: \$179,709.35
General: \$15,627.70
Memorial: \$22,598.69
Snider Savings: \$1,657.25
Snider CD: \$33,863.83
Bricks Savings: \$984.43

DEPOSITS:

General: \$655 (Fines/Fees)
General: \$100 (donation)- Sandy Larson, Susan Smith
Memorials: \$70 Jan Dobbs: Birthday Honor: Candy Connery, Aurora Dempsay

DECEMBER AVERAGE STATISTICS:

Internet Users: 106
New Patrons: 10
Circulation: 1225
Overdrive circulation: 447

BUSINESS:

Joan made the motion to maintain the present slate of officers for 2025 and Sue Pereira seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The annual cookie walk made a profit of \$462 even though on an icy day.

Coretech donated \$25 to the Siena Francis House in the name of the Springfield Memorial Library.

The Horizon Bank has given the library a donation of \$10,000. The library staff will be investigating possible projects for which the money could be used.

Library Advocacy Day will be held in Lincoln March 17th.

There was a discussion regarding who might receive a free library card. The discussion was tabled until next month to review the library policy.

The Dell computer problems are corrected, and sticker pad locks have been added to all the computers.

The library will be closed Monday February 17th for President's Day.

The updates on the building maintenance include a new water fountain, cleaning of the carpets, repair of a broken water pipe, squirrel removal, and tree trimming to keep squirrels from jumping onto the roof.

The Annual Report and Statistics Report is due in February.

Programming Updates:

The 41 Santa letters were a big success as was the Christmas Movie Day, and Noon Year's Eve Party. The Teen Tuesdays and Coffee and Crosswords will be discontinued.

Upcoming in February is February is Love Your Library Month, Valentine Making, Valentine Bingo, Elephant and Piggy Party, Chili Contest (February 21 in the School District Administration) and a new activity is Puzzling Club to be held on Saturday morning.

The Springfield Memorial Library will celebrate 100 years in 2026. Any information about the early years and celebratory suggestions would be appreciated.

Joan made the motion to go into executive session at 2:08 and Sue Pereira seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Startzer made the motion at 2:15 to come out of executive session and Sue Pereria seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Startzer made the motion to accept Sally's Review and to give her a raise of \$1 per hour and Sue Pereira seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Startzer made the motion to accept Connie's Review and to give her a raise of \$1 per hour and Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Startzer made the motion to give Macy a raise of \$.50 per hour and Iro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Iro made the motion to adjourn at 2:31 and Sue Pereira seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty KentSmith, Secretary