

## Spirit Lake Library Board Meeting

August 7, 2023

Present at the meeting: Roger Brockshus, Christa Butler, Carolyn Butterworth, Frank Christenson, Cindy Davis, Matt Early, Krista Elmquist, Heather Kalkhoff, Vicki Perry

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. by president Christenson. Minutes of the July 3, 2023, meeting were read by Butterworth. Butler moved, seconded by Kalkhoff, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Davis presented the financial reports. Revenue into the General Fund was \$224.68 and to the Friends, \$618.70. Davis reviewed the monthly bills, and a categorized listing of the 2022-23 year was reviewed. Motion by Butterworth, seconded by Brockshus, to approve the reports. Motion carried.

### Director's Report:

- There has still been no quote from the cleaning service.
- Davis reported on Open Access, the 6,787 check-outs by non-residents, which are compensated for by the Iowa Library Association.
- Direct State aid received last year was \$2,837.66, which was used for summer employees.
- The Friends of the Library's minutes and financial activity were presented. The Friends' current balance is \$96,907.
- Some landscaping, such as rock work and clearing out bushes, has been done. Also the front of the building needs painting,
- Two more security cameras are needed to cover the middle of the library where there is currently no coverage.
- There was discussion of Senate File 496 concerning books to be banned in schools and the possibility that in the future it could impact public libraries.

### Unfinished business:

- Elmquist reported on the Summer Reading Program. There were a total of over 2,400 contacts. The partnership with the other libraries was successful, and there is a goal of having some joint activities during the winter.
- Building report:
  1. There is a problem with the alarm/sprinkler system that will be looked at.
  2. Several locks on cupboards were re-keyed to use the same key for all.
  3. The dedicated line to be installed for the printer/copier will cost approximately \$1,300.

Motion by Kalkhoff, seconded by Brockshus, to approve this expenditure. Carried.

### New business:

- A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Kalkhoff, to authorize Davis and Elmquist to attend the Iowa Library Association conference in Dubuque October 11 through 13. Motion carried.

### Programming & Events

- There will be canning and freezing classes with Dickinson County Extension September 14 and 21. The cost will be \$40.

The next regular meeting of the library board will be Monday, September 11 at 5:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Butler, seconded by Kalkhoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Butterworth, Secretary