

## Spirit Lake Library Board Meeting

September 11, 2023

Present at the meeting: Christa Butler, Carolyn Butterworth, Frank Christenson, Cindy Davis, Matt Early, Heather Kalkhoff

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m. by president Christenson. Minutes of the August 7, 2023, meeting were read by Butterworth. Kalkhoff moved, seconded by Butler, that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Correspondence was presented: a thank-you note from the J-Term class for the Friends' donation to the StoryWalk® and also a random mailing from an unknown individual.

Davis presented the financial reports. Revenue was \$29,152 from Dickinson County and \$492.10 to the General Fund. Friends' revenue was \$1,980.37, including an \$1,100 grant for early childhood literacy. Friends' bills totaled \$865.40. Motion by Early, seconded by Kalkhoff, to approve the reports. Motion carried.

### Director's Report:

- An interesting list of favorite books and DVDs which have been checked out was circulated.
- New items added in July and August totaled \$6,302.
- Cement work in the rear of the building is progressing and should be complete by next week.
- Other building work that will soon be completed includes quarterly carpet cleaning by Steamway, replacement of ceiling tiles in the front of the building, and completion of the electrical line for the copier.
- In staff news, Breanna Cother's mother is in hospice. Other employees are covering Breanna's hours.

### Unfinished business:

- There was discussion of preferred format for Trustee Training. Possibilities include discussion of current events pertaining to libraries, study of the Handbook, or viewing pertinent videos.

### Programming and Events:

- Joint Trustee Training with other area libraries will be December 6 at the Milford Library.
- There will be a staff in-service December 6 in Arnolds Park, with the SL library being closed that day.

- .James Kenyon will present “Echoes in the Hallways” on October 3 at 7:00 p.m., a shared program to be held at the Milford Library.
- Kathy Wilson will present a shared program on “Mary Shelley” November 1 at the Milford Library in the afternoon and a program on “Witches of Salem” at our library in the evening.
- Chess will begin at the library September 12.

New Business:

- The library is looking at new models for downloadables, including Kanopy (30,000 videos; pay-per-use), Hoopla (100,000 items including audio & e-books, video, comic books, music; pay-per-use), and Blackstone (audio only; flat rate). The Library Board will have the opportunity to try and evaluate these platforms in the coming weeks. The pay-per-use services can be capped at a set dollar amount for control in budgeting.

The next regular meeting of the library board will be Monday, October 2 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