

Watertown Regional Library Board
Minutes of the January 7th, 2020
Regular Meeting
160 6th Street NE
Watertown, SD

President Gabel called the meeting to order at 4:20p.m. Members present were Dan Albertsen, Jean Moulton, Michelle Spies, Judy Trzynka, and Dave Weigel. Absent: None. Also present: Library Director Dee Dee Whitman.

Public Comment: None.

The minutes from the December 3, 2019 regular meeting were approved. Motion by Spies and second by Moulton. Motion passed unanimously viva voce.

The financial reports for December were accepted.

Weigel made the motion and Trzynka seconded that the expenditures for December be approved. Motion passed viva voce.

Correspondence: None

Report of the Library Director:

- a) Christmas Tree Fundraiser has ended. Totals will be announced next at the check presentation Monday, January 13th.
- b) Chamber After 4 event went well with 60 attendees and \$3,500 in donations to the organizations that day.
- c) Sewage backed up into the basement on 6/10/19.
 - i) Due to time constraints with the contractor, the \$10,000 was removed from the 2019 supplement. MPL may not be here until March with their current availability.
- d) We've received another \$5,500 in donations for Children's programming.
- e) Wage study proposal communicated with staff, waiting to hear of council approval or not.
- f) 2020 Library Board meeting schedule is included in the packet.
- g) TBS Print and Time management software and hardware to be scheduled with TBA and IT department. TBS is estimating a 6-8 week process.
- h) OverDrive contract accepted with evergreen clause removed. We will have to review the contract when it is up for renewal in four years.
- i) Discussed the Local History Fair with Christi from the Codington County Heritage Museum to observe the Local History Fair on January 31.
- j) Hotspots – still in process, no further action.
 - i) In discussions with IT regarding filtering options and privacy questions.

- ii) Discussed with the Friends of the Library Board but let them know there are still issues to resolve before pursuing the project.
- k) News from around the library world:
 - i) ALA Email Re: Advocacy:
 - (1) We secured a \$10 million increase for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, including \$6.2 million for the Library Services and Technology Act - the largest increase in LSTA funding in 12 years.
 - (2) We protected the Innovative Approaches to Literacy program from elimination, safeguarding \$27 million in funding for school libraries.
 - (3) New advocates from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and Washington D.C. joined the #FundLibraries campaign.
 - (4) Every member of Congress heard from ALA and our advocates about the importance of libraries and their impact in communities across the country. Without a doubt, this is the reason why library funding has steadily grown over the past three years.
 - (5) In addition to your work on the #FundLibraries campaign, you stepped up big time to support the #eBooksForAll campaign - with 236,858 signatures and counting - helped to pass the GREAT Act, prepared libraries across the country for the 2020 Census, and continued pushing for increased library funding at the state and local levels.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: None

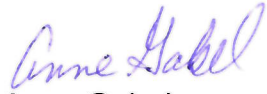
New Business:

1. Whitman presented November 2019 statistics, no action necessary.
2. Weigel moved and Spies seconded to authorize the Library Director to sign the Lynda Renewal Agreement. Motion passed unanimously viva voce.
3. Weigel moved and Moulton seconded to authorize the Library Director to sign the TBS Quote for PC, Print Management, and Payment Kiosk. Motion passed unanimously viva voce.
4. Weigel moved and Moulton seconded to approve the 2020 Library Closures with ability to review in the future. Motion passed unanimously viva voce.
5. Moulton moved and Weigel seconded to approve the 2020 Library Volunteers including Arlene Alwardt, Carol Geiger, Carolyn Hoffman, Chelsea Popham, and Samantha Sandeen. Motion passed unanimously viva voce

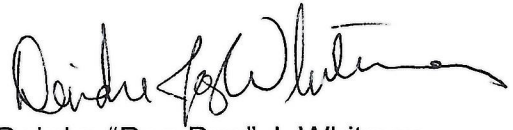
Open: Gabel asked if about the phrase "other special adults" used in promoting story time, and asked, "Can that be anyone?" Whitman responded, "Yes, any care giver that would like to bring a child to story time." Recent patron incidents at the library were discussed with the Board recommending that consequences should be written in a letter to the patron.

Weigel moved to adjourn at 6:55p.m. Motion passed unanimously viva voce.

Approved



Anne Gabel
Board President



Deirdre "Dee Dee" J. Whitman
Secretary

Written: February 7th, 2020