

**Geneva Public Library**  
**Library Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

The Geneva Public Library Board met in open session at 5:30 p.m. abiding by the Nebraska Open Meeting Laws, with Troy Berggren – president, presiding. Other members in attendance were Trustees Deb Novak, Debbie Bullock, Sally Miller, Apryl Schwarz, and Sarah Johnson, Library Director.

The minutes of the July Board Meeting had been emailed to members. The minutes were briefly reviewed before Sally M. made a motion to accept, seconded by Deb N., and the minutes were approved.

The August bills were reviewed. After some discussion about the new AED equipment purchased for the library, Sally M. made a motion to pay the bills, Deb N. seconded the motion, and the bills were approved.

Sarah presented the Librarian's Report, noting that the attendance at LEGO® nights has increased lately. Just one teen attended the TAG meeting, so library staff is considering waiting until spring to have another meeting. Maker Camps are held August, December, and April. The camps in August have been well attended and instructive. Sowing Seeds Academy continues to come to the library each Monday morning for story time.

Sarah recently presented a report before the City Council. She explained that the Foundation is now a 501(c)(3) organization, and the library board is working to transfer all funds to it. Sarah explained the purpose of the Foundation to the Council, noting that its formation fulfilled a state statute and that the Foundation will help to facilitate large capital expenditures. Individuals can now make tax-exempt gifts to the library through the Foundation, and they are setting up charity accounts through Amazon Smile and Thrivent to give funds to the library.

Sarah also explained to the Council and the Board that the new vinyl cutter and accompanying computer and software has been purchased for the library. As soon as it has been fully installed, the equipment will be available to library patrons and the public at large.

The Geneva High School class of 1964 donated funds which were used to purchase two new loveseats and six chairs for the library.

Flint Hills recently contacted Sarah indicating their interest in donating funds for STEM related purchases. Such funds could be used to purchase Maker Camp materials since Maker Camps concentrate on STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

The library is scheduled to work at the Rialto Theatre this weekend (Aug. 31-Sept. 1). Sarah asked for volunteers.

The Board needs to complete Continuing Education hours, so a "Short Takes for Trustees" video was viewed by members ("What It Takes to Be a Trustee"). Discussion of the video followed. The Board need a few more hours before September 30, so Sarah discussed showing an hour-long video sometime before then for anyone who like to attend.

The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. after a motion by Deb N. and seconded by Apryl S.

The next meeting will be September 24, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Bullock  
Secretary