

Geneva Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 31, 2018

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

The minutes of the June Board Meeting had been sent to members via e-mail and were approved by the board after a motion to accept was made by Sally M. and seconded by Apryl S.

The July bills were reviewed. Apryl S. made a motion to pay the bills, Sally M. seconded the motion, and the bills were approved.

Debbie Bullock gave the Treasurer's Report with brief discussion following.

Sarah then gave the Librarian's Report, beginning with the Circulation and Holdings Report. Molly has been weeding the Adult Nonfiction books. OverDrive use is up, as well as computer use.

Funding for the newspaper digitizing project was complete as of July 23. Newspapers from 1872 on will be included. The next step in the process is to determine how to add newspapers from 2000-2018 to the database.

Sarah reviewed programming, especially the Summer Reading Program, which had its finale on July 27. She also told the trustees about upcoming fall planning, including the possibility of the library hosting scholarship assistance for high school students, who often have difficulty learning about scholarships that are available and need help with writing skills necessary to apply for scholarships.

The "building and grounds" report was next. One AC unit is no longer in service, and Sarah has obtained some bids for the project. Some board members also recommended people they knew had a good reputation for quality service. The cement work for the replacing of some of the sidewalks has begun, with Ackland Construction doing the project. The gardener for the Secret Garden has done a good job.

There was a brief discussion of the budget. Sarah noted that the hours worked by the staff will remain unchanged.

A question was raised concerning the new telephone policy, and Sarah assured board members that the policy has been working well.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sally M. and seconded by Apryl S. and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm. The next meeting will be on August 28 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Bullock
Secretary