

Geneva Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2019

**The regularly scheduled November 26, 2019 Library Board meeting was postponed until this date, due to weather and the availability of trustees.*

The Geneva Public Library Board met in open session at 5:35 p.m. abiding by the Nebraska Open Meeting Laws, with Deb Novak– vice president, presiding. Other members in attendance were Trustees Debbie Bullock, Sally Miller, and Sarah Johnson, Library Director. Absent: Troy Berggren and Apryl Schwarz.

The minutes of the October Board Meeting had been emailed to members, and were also displayed for review. Sally M. made a motion to accept, seconded by Debbie B., and the minutes were approved with the following voting “aye”: Deb, Sally, and Debbie. No negative votes or abstentions.

The November bills were reviewed. After brief discussion, Sally M. made a motion to pay the bills, Debbie B. seconded the motion, and the bills were approved with the following voting “aye”: Deb, Sally, and Debbie. No negative votes or abstentions.

Sarah presented the Librarian’s Report. See attached.

The Physical Holdings and Circulation Report was reviewed. It was noted that circulation was up 23% over last year.

The Genealogy group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding indicating that materials used in the genealogy research are the property of the library.

Sarah would like to change the Collection Development Policy concerning accessibility of “R” rated movies to patrons under the age of 17. She proposed removing the following:

“The sole exception to this rule is the borrowing of movies that have been rated by the Motion Picture Association of America as “R” or “Restricted” to children under the age of 17. Only a person aged 17 or up may borrow movies with an “R” rating.”

After discussion, the board agreed to table the vote until a later date.

The City of Geneva has decided to close all city departments on Christmas Eve, but Sarah had already planned to have the library open from noon to 4:00 pm. The board discussed the possibility of closing the library that day but agreed that it would be best to stay with the four hours of operation that day.

Sarah discussed the possibility of purchasing a Cover One Binding Machine (Cover Mate #520). She is hoping that the Fairmont and Exeter Libraries will go together with the Geneva Public Library to purchase the machine, which would be used to fix book bindings, rather than having to throw the books away and purchase new ones.

The Book Sale brought in \$489.07 this year, below last year's amount, though there were more books for sale.

The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm after a motion by Sally M. and seconded by Debbie B., the following voting "aye": Deb, Debbie, and Sally. There were no negative votes or abstentions.

The next meeting will be January 28, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Bullock
Secretary