

Geneva Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 31, 2017

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 Stan Meyer – Vice President, presiding. Other members in attendance were as follows: Debbie Bullock – Secretary, Troy Berggren, Deb Novak, Sally Miller, and Sarah Johnson – Librarian. After brief introductions, Stan welcomed new member Deb Novak, who superseded Deb Yates.

The minutes of the November board meeting had been sent to members via e-mail and were approved by the board after a motion to accept was made by Troy and seconded by Sally.

The December and January bills were reviewed. Sally made a motion to pay the bills, Troy seconded the motion, and the bills were approved.

After a discussion about election of officers, the board agreed to table the election until February, following a motion made by Sally to postpone the election and seconded by Troy.

The Librarian's Report included several items, beginning with the discussion of a disappointing turnout for the "Stories and Cocoa" event held the week of Christmas. Considering the amount of time and energy that goes into such an event, the staff may decide to forego it in the future.

The discussion then turned to the recent carpeting of the Small Meeting Room, which turned out to be a three week project after water damage was discovered. Sarah presented a very thorough and well-planned slide show illustrating the problems that were encountered in the room as well as the preparatory work before carpeting was begun. The room has been repainted and the carpet installation is complete. As of this time, the only issue remaining is the reinstallation of a toilet in the restroom located just off the Small Meeting Room. Due to the additional work needed to repair unforeseen problems, the board voted on Change Orders 2 and 3 of the contract, with a motion made by Troy to use funds from the City Budget to pay for the additional charges, with a second by Deb and all in favor of the proposal.

The library will be closed Monday, February 6 through February 18 for the completion of all other carpeting.

Sarah will attend a surplus auction in Kearney on February 4 in hopes of being able to purchase book carts and/or small computer desks.

The library has applied for a \$1,000 Internship grant through the Nebraska Library Commission. The winning libraries will be announced on February 10, with the internship expected to take place May 1 through July 31, 2017.

Sarah submitted a letter to the NLC to support their grant application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services; if the NLC is approved and Geneva Public Library is approved, the library could possibly host a Library Innovation Studio for 20 weeks, similar to the Maker Camps, but much more extensive.

The Public Library Survey has been completed and information from it will be included in the Annual Report to be presented to City Council on February 20.

On January 10, Sarah attended the County Board of Supervisor's meeting to ask Geneva Township to donate \$150 annually so that residents of the township could use the library free of charge. The measure passed unanimously and now Geneva, Madison, Chelsea, and Stanton Township residents may all use the library without paying a nonresident fee.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sally and seconded by Troy and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

The next regular meeting will be February 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bullock
Secretary