

Geneva Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 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 Sally Miller, Apryl Schwarz, Debbie Bullock (secretary), Deb Novak, and Sarah Johnson, Library Director. One guest, Beth Wilkins, was present.

The minutes of the January 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 February bills were reviewed. Deb N. made a motion to pay the bills, Sally M. seconded the motion, and the bills were approved.

Sarah presented her librarian's report. She noted that the Overdrive circulation was lower than usual. Board members suggested it may have been because of the many extracurricular activities the past month.

Joseph has been cataloging the genealogy manuscripts. The process is slow but he has made remarkable headway.

Sarah noted that 72 holdings have been deleted from the Adult Fiction section as many had not been checked out in 10 years.

Sarah continues to visit Heritage Crossings and has had some enthusiastic response from the residents, necessitating her acquisition of more large print editions from the Nebraska City Library, which has a large collection.

After informing recipients of Meals on Wheels of the prospect of sending library books with meals, there were just two inquiries.

Storytime has been attended more or less, often depending on the weather conditions.

There has not been as good a response to Game Night recently, so it will not continue until next winter.

LEGO nights average 24 attendees.

Unfortunately, many of the teens involved in TAG are also involved in speech programs at the high school, so the last two months there were only 4 (January) and 3 (February). Because of so many activities, it has been difficult to find a night that can accommodate everyone.

Blueprint 4 Summer will be on April 12 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Sarah sent out 27 invitations to groups that may be interested in having a table. So far, 8 have confirmed. Sarah is continuing to look for vendor options.

The Summer Reading Program will partner with Nebraska Extension and Puzzle Pieces (Fillmore County Hospital) for various events throughout the summer.

The Foundation held its first official meeting on February 13. Officers were chosen and are as follows: President – Dave Froom, Vice President – Linda Heinisch, and Secretary/treasurer – Pat Kowalski. The next official meeting is May 1, 2018.

Insurance claims were received by the insurance company of the individual who accidentally ran a vehicle into the library yard. Sarah presented figures for what it would cost to replace the plants that were damaged.

Molly attended the SELS conference on February 22 in Seward and received 4 CE credits. From October 4 – 6 the Nebraska Library Conference will be held in Lincoln at the Cornhusker. Molly and Joseph have shown an interest in attending.

Sarah explained that the Fillmore County Librarians want to coordinate a newspaper digitizing project that would cost \$36,200. The earliest known newspaper in Fillmore County is from 1872, and all newspapers from the county would be included. Using the Seward Memorial Library's digitized newspapers, she demonstrated how finding information would work. The goal is to complete the project by 2021, which is the 150th anniversary of Fillmore County.

Sarah mentioned that the library will be working at the Rialto Theater this Saturday and asked for volunteers to work. The movie will be "Peter Rabbit."

There are some privacy, age-related issues that the board will discuss at a later meeting.

The motion to adjourn was made by Sally M., seconded by Deb N. and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

The next meeting will be March 27, 2018 at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Bullock
Secretary