

COLE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2016

The Russell D. Cole Library Board of Trustees met January 19, 2016 in the Byerly Room.

PRESENT: Deb George, Tracy Louwagie, Jackie Morrival, Paul Waelchli, Cathy Boggs, Bob Meeker.

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Deb George at 8:33 a.m.
- II. The minutes as submitted were read and approved.
- III. REPORTS and ONGOING BUSINESS:
 - A. PRESIDENT: The rejection of a Cedar Rapids Library Bond vote was not a reflection of a wider decrease of support for area libraries. The Cole Library continues to have strong community support.
 - B. PUBLIC LIBRARIAN:
 1. Welcome letters from the Cole Library were presented to Mount Vernon City Council members, which included library cards for council members. Tom Wieseler will be the council's liaison member for our library.
 2. The theme of the Winter Reading Contest is "Hot Reads for Cold Nights". People can come in and register for a Kindle. Citizens and college students can all participate.
 - C. LIBRARIAN:
 1. We reviewed the financial report.
 2. We were asked to consider what "one time investments" the board may wish to include on our Five Year Plan.
 3. Ryan Reinhart, the college appointment to our board, has moved to a new job, ergo, we will look for a replacement for the college representative to the board.
- IV. MAJOR BUSINESS:
 - A. Five Year Plan Survey:
 1. We had over 140 responses to our survey. The results will be turned in to the State in February.
 2. The survey indicated that one reason for non-library use was parking issues. Increasing the number of parking spaces and improving the signage to help drivers understand parking availability were suggested as possible actions.
 3. We worked on suggestions for a draft of the Five Year Plan. We will finalize the report, which is due on February 20, at our February 16 meeting.
 - B. Fiscal Year budget for 2017. The Librarian and the Public Librarian presented the Cole Library budget request to the City Council. The presentation included data on other area library budgets, salaries, and usage. The Council requested budget information from the last three years.
 - C. Next meeting will be February 16 at 8:30 a.m.
 - D. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Bob Meeker