

COLE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

MAY 17, 2016

THE RUSSELL D. COLE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET, MAY 17, 2016.

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

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Deb George at 8:35 a.m.
- II. The minutes of the April meeting were approved.
- III. REPORTS and ON-GOING BUSINESS:
 - A. PRESIDENT:

We had a follow-up conversation on “Bridges”, the on-line book sharing service. Brooke Bergantzel. 319-895-4125 is the contact person for people needing assistance when using the services.
 - B. PUBLIC LIBRARIAN:
 1. The “Garden Conversation” group continues to be popular. The last scheduled meeting was May 17, but additional sessions are being requested.
 2. Cathy has completed all of the Elementary school visits, highlighted with a 3rd and 4th grade “book talk” which was felicitous.
 3. Cathy had requests for T-shirts for 45 elementary teachers.
 4. The Summer Reading Program will kick off Thursday night, May 19. It has been well advertised and organized. This year’s theme is “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read”.
 - C. LIBRARIAN:
 1. We will be changing our meeting room in response to the relocation of office spaces within the building.
 2. The County allocation came in a little lower than we expected.
 3. The college is planning an upgrade to the library parking spaces by expanding Library Lane, making it one way, and adding parking along the street.
 4. The board could consider some financial support for this project.
 5. Books are being damaging in the “book Drop-offs” during stormy weather.
 6. The financial report was presented and reviewed.
 7. Katie Wilson will be the new Cornell representative on the Board of Trustees.
- IV. MAJOR BUSINESS:
 1. JACKIE MORRICAL will be retiring from the board after 10 years of service.
 2. Tom Wieseler is our City Council Liaison person.
 3. We initiated steps to increase the Public Librarian Salary. That position has not had a salary reevaluation, above a cost of living increase, for about two decades. The current wage is unattractively below neighboring and comparable public libraries. First step will be to arrange a meeting with the city and board representatives.
 4. There was final approval of the CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS policy.

The next meeting will be August 16, at 8:30 a.m. in a room to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Meeker