

COLE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DECEMBER 18, 2018

PRESENT: Deb George, Cathy Boggs, Greg Cotton, Sharon Dendurent, Marie Schofer
Bob Meeker.

I. The meeting was called to order by President Deb George at 8:32 a.m. in Room 326.

II. The minutes were approved.

III. REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT: An article in the newspaper raised a concern about the decreasing number of school districts that do not have or do not have an adequate number of school librarians. The State of Iowa does not require schools to employ a librarian.

B. PUBLIC LIBRARIAN:

1. Board members received a handout from Nancy Medema, State Library Program Director, concerning the loss of funding from IMLS. The Iowa State Legislature did not make the "maintenance of effort" requirement. Therefore, the federal funds from IMLS will not be received next year. Mt. Vernon legislators are Senator Dan Zumbach and Representative Louie Zumbach. IMLS is the Institute of Museum and Library Service, an independent federal agency.
2. Winter Break Schedule. The library closes December 21st and reopens on January 2nd. The public schools don't open until January 7th. On Wednesday and Thursday, January 2nd and 3rd, the library will offer it's usual Story Time plus a movie each day since students are not in class.
3. The Area Substance Abuse Council has contacted Cole Library to consider having Naloxone available in our library to help treat an emergency drug overdose.

C. LIBRARIAN:

1. A grant has been approved to bring puppeteer Monica Leo to campus on January 24th. In February, Timothy Fay, the author of the Wapsipinicon Almanac is scheduled to be on campus.
2. The financial report was reviewed.

IV. MAJOR BUSINESS:

1. We reviewed the "Five Year Plan, 2016 to 2021" to help us remember what our goals are and how successful we are at achieving these goals.
2. The board will review the "Volunteer Policy" at our January meeting.

The next meeting will be January 22, 2019. Note the change of date.

Adjournment at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted;
Bob Meeker