

Minutes of  
Kidder County Public Library Board Meeting  
April 25, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Melissa Hochhalter, Secretary Jan Schauer, Marcia Fanta, Judy Landenberger,

OTHERS PRESENT: Librarian Annie Craven

Absent: Commissioner Charlie Dronen

Melissa called the meeting to order. Jan read the minutes of the last meeting. Judy moved the minutes be approved as read. Marcia seconded, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Account Balance for 2024: Annie went over the account budget We are getting \$82,000 from property taxes. \$12,000 credit and aid. Our interest earnings \$1200. There were some grant monies that have been used for Lego league.

OLD BUSINESS:

Strategic plan was approved. We have talked about the back room.. Annie can't find anyone to do the sheetrock yet. The plan is still to upgrade the bathroom but until we find someone to do the work we have a functional bathroom.

Spring eclipse - we had some people come in and get glasses. Annie had the NASA stream running for anyone to watch. Annie donated glasses to senior center and Golden Manor. Took 200 glasses to the school.

Summer reading Annie is in the thick of developing the program. Wednesday will be the day. Sidewalk sale will be happening. We will be selling books that have been weeded. Money raised will be earmarked for programs

NEW BUSINESS:

Bruce from Bismarck Kitchens provided a bid for the kitchen. They will be the same cabinets that are already in the back room. There will be a good sized workspace in the back. She is making sure to have storage area for different programs. She would like to add a small table with chairs for a small workspace. Shipley will have to come in and do some more work and do some changes of outlets. The whole project will probably come in between \$10,000-12,000. The work should be able to start the first of June  
Jan motioned to accept the proposal. Judy seconded. This was discussed with Charlie and he approved the improvements.

Books, Boutiques and Brunch - The library will be a stop along the route. She will be doing this May 4 at 10am. They will start with brunch and then make a loop to various businesses. Annie will be here from 11:30 to 3:30 Marcia moves to make a donation from the library. Jan second. Approved to give the \$50 donation

NDSL - The library annual report shows major increases of usage of our library. We will put it in the Ozone and on the website.

Building Improvements - Annie will get the proposal to Bruce so he can get started. The door handles need to be changed. The next thing to look at are the doors and entrances to make them more accessible. We need to repave the back pad for wheelchair accessibility.

Summer reading - The theme will be Adventure Starts at the Library. Annie reached out to the Dakota Zoo and they might be able to bring out some animals. \$150/50 kids. We could move to the community center if needed. She would love to be able to get a movie screen to have an outdoor movie. It is Smokey the Bear anniversary so we can rent the costume and have a program about fire safety. The extension office asked if we can be open on the Saturday during the fair. Annie will be more than happy to open it for the fair.

May 29 - July 31 - Wednesdays will be for the reading program. The younger kids 10-11am and older kids 11-12pm. It was decided that it would be better to do minutes rather than number of books so the passport will have the kids log the minutes that they read. Prizes will be adjusted to levels. Annie has already started getting prizes.

Meeting policy - Annie has written up the policy after researching other policies. We allow people to have meetings and the policy will help guide us through. Jan will put this on the website. It was decided that when someone uses the building they sign the policy so they are aware of what is expected. Judy make the motion and Marcia seconded passed.

Next meeting - need to meet the end of June. Annie will contact us with a variety of dates.

Judy Motion to adjourn at 2:20 Jan seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Schauer