

Minutes of  
Kidder County Public Library Board Meeting  
January 29, 2025

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Librarian Annie Craven

Absent: Judy Landenberger, Commissioner Charlie Dronen

Melissa called the meeting to order at 1:00

Jan read the minutes of the last meeting. Marcia moved to approve the minutes, Melissa second and approved.

#### Reports

We reviewed the statement of actual and estimated revenues and expenditures.

#### Old Business

Wifi has a delayed timeline. We are on the list and it will be upgraded.

Staff pay was discussed and will be monitored to make sure we have enough budget

Programming: There was one program this year and no one attended. Being held during the holiday probably contributed to lack of attendance. Annie will do it again this spring. The current supplies will be used. Lego group has just gotten started. There were 23 kids and one on the wait list. The Lego challenge group competed January 10 in Bismarck and they took second place.

Building improvements are still waiting for contractors.

Hours ... the change is going very well. The patrons are very excited for the extra hours especially on Wednesday. If it drops off during the summer we can revisit the hours we are open.

#### New Business.

Year end stats were shared. The increase in patron visits, new library cards, and new books are amazing!

ALA/NDLA memberships. Annie's membership for the NDLA is covered by the public funds. We are not a member of the ALA currently. We will discuss it after the legislative bills are passed.

Lego programs grades 2-4 meet with Annie. Other groups will also continue. Monica did hers in the fall and Annie after Christmas. Funding is all for legos. Gaming funds and grants all go through the library. There will be a line item for STEAM/STEM groups. Annie would like to do art education and will be looking into some funding for that.

Summer reading - Color Your World. Bismarck science center will come out and do presentations with color and art. There will be a gardening program for adults.

Safe deposit box - we have one for \$12.00. Annie got to look in it and saw that there are some very old documents. We did discuss putting them in the court house. Emily and Shirley were the names authorized to open the box. Jan made a motion to remove Emily and Shirley and put Annie and Melissa on the box. Marcia second. Approved.

Annie went through the new bills and the changes that will affect the library. We had a lively discussion about the changes. They were printed out so we can review the information in more detail.

Next meeting will be March 26, 2025 at 1:00pm.  
We communicated through email to move the date to April 9, 2025 at 1:00.

Marcia adjourned the meeting at 2:35 Melissa second. approved

Respectively submitted

Jan Schauer