

**MINUTES**

ROLL CALL: Fern Kaufman, Diane Leja, Martha Muellenberg, Gabrielle Strouse, Greg Redlin, Kelsey Collier-Wise

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Burniston, Anne Dunham

On a motion by Collier-Wise, seconded by Leja, the minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting were approved. All present voted aye.

The reports of the director were reviewed and discussed.

On a motion by Collier-Wise, seconded by Redlin, the March proposed expenditures were approved. All present voted aye.

**REPORTS:**

**Friends** – Anne Dunham, Co-President of the Friends of the Library Group provided an overview and update regarding the Friends of the Library. Reports included that the monthly book sale continues to average \$500-\$600 a month. The group has continued to get a good group of volunteers to help with sorting and running the sales. Also, membership continues to be good with several people taking the higher \$100 membership level, as well as others making additional donations to the summer reading program. Anne reviewed some of the projects they've helped with including summer reading sponsorship, the water bottle station, children's programming and Wii games. Several of the Friends were able to attend the volunteer appreciation event earlier in the week and the Library Director again thanked Anne and the Friends for their hard work and how active they have been in supporting the library.

**Foundation** – The Library Director reported that the Foundation met at the library on April 4<sup>th</sup> and discussed the next round of projects including upgrades to the library's phone system, support for six mobile hotspots for 1 year, additional storage shelving for the basement, two mobile white boards, tablets/laptops for in library use and updated displays for the Kozak Room and Conference Room.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Updates on the mobile hotspot check out program included the addition of two new devices for a total of six circulating devices. The Foundation has agreed to support the cost of six devices for one year as we continue to trial this program. The issue of hitting the 25GB data limit before the month's end has continued to be a problem. Additional vendors with slightly different programs have started appearing. Library staff continue to look into the newer providers to see if there is a better option with unlimited data. The main difference seems to be that those programs that offer unlimited data tend to have a larger upfront device fee. However, given that none of the devices have gone missing we may potentially be better off long term switching to one of these programs or bringing them to the attention of our current provider.

EBS Vermillion Public Library's Annual Report in the form of our response to the South Dakota Public Library Survey FY2016 was presented to the City Council, shared with the County Commissioners and submitted to the State Library. Our report was approved March 22<sup>nd</sup> by the state library.

The State Library's LSTA evaluation was discussed as the State Library works to complete the next five-year plan for 2018-2023 by June. Discussion centered around how the LSTA funds received by the state library are used to support and provide resources for libraries throughout the state. It was also noted that the current Federal Administration budget for 2018 has proposed elimination of IMLS funding. The ALA and other similar organizations were successful in getting approximately one third of the members of the US House of Representatives to sign an appropriation letter in support of continued funding of LSTA. This will be considered by the House Appropriations Committee as the Federal Government goes through its budgeting process.

The Library Director shared copies of three useful documents (1) Purposes and Priorities of LSTA (2) COSLA testimony to the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations (3) Impact of IMLS Defunding by South Dakota State Librarian Daria Bossman.

A discussion of LSTA funding, how it is used in South Dakota and how it impacts our library followed. The Library Director answered board member's questions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A letter from the State Library was shared regarding the importance and benefits of participating in the Annual Public Library Survey, and thanking libraries for their participation.

The Library Director provided an overview of the Electronic resources provided by our library including cost, what they provide and how to access them. The Library Director answered board member's questions.

It was noted that two board member's terms are expiring in 2017, Diane Leja and Greg Redlin. Expression of interest forms are due to the City by May 5<sup>th</sup> and appointments will be made at the May 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

The next meeting will be May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00pm in the Small Conference Room. Gabrielle Strouse noted she would be unable to attend due to another engagement.

On a motion by Collier-Wise, seconded by Leja, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Burniston  
Library Director