

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Siouxland Libraries

Baltic Branch Library

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

1. Roll Call and declaration of quorum. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM by Cindy Heiberger. Present: Cindy Heiberger, Debbie Reid, Jill Molzen-Biegler, Joel Rosenthal, Quinn Stein and Sally Felix, Library Director. Staff present: Joan Reddy and Kathy Faith.
2. Motion to adopt the agenda by Reid and seconded by Molzen-Biegler. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Reid and seconded by Molzen-Biegler to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Financial and Statistical reports. The May and June statistics are in the Board's packet. Circulation continues to increase particularly at the Caille Branch. This year's Summer Reading Club is going well. Attendance at programs has been great, especially in June. Felix reported that the sales tax revenues continue to be lower than budgeted in 2009 and that the Library's budget holdbacks continue to be in place.
5. Library Director and Staff Reports. The Director's Report was included in the Board packets. Felix reported that Katie Chadwick, Library Assistant in Technical Services, retired and this position will soon be filled. Rosenthal inquired as to the reason that the number of holds is so high. There are several reasons – holds are now allowed on DVDs and people are becoming more aware and more accustomed to placing their own holds online. In addition the Library has tried to make finding tools in the catalog easier to use. Felix reported that the summer Tutoring program has been well attended this year. Sessions were held at both Oak View and Ronning with 166 students participating. Felix thanked the Board members for their advocacy efforts on behalf of the Westside Branch Library. The Quality of Life Bond II passed and the bonds were sold at a good rate.
6. Public Input. No members of the public were present.
7. Unfinished Business. Reddy reported on the Main Library building project progress. The administrative offices moved July 7th and wireless is once again available for the public. Demolition of the south part of the library is underway. Felix reported that the Crooks interior renovation project is taking shape and we expect to go out to bid in September. Felix shared a summary of the 2010 budget request. The Library's operating budget now includes the City's share of the Museum budget. The Library's operating budget is not up significantly. Funds to design and build the Westside Branch Library and funds for library materials are included in the Capital budget as are some non-routine maintenance items for the City branches. The Library budget will be adopted at the joint City-County Meeting on August 17th. The City Council will adopt the overall City budget on September 14th and could still make changes in the Library budget.
8. Felix asked the opinion of the Board members about possibly re-naming the Main Library building to include the official name of the library system – Siouxland Libraries. Main's official name is Sioux Falls Public Library and any change must be adopted by the City Council. Various ideas were suggested and the Board will re-visit this issue at the September meeting.
9. Other. Rosenthal commented that the monthly reports sent to the Board members just prior to the meeting were extensive and asked if they could be sent earlier. Felix explained the time constraints with getting the reports done and the closeness of the Board meeting date. She offered to see how distribution of this information could be expedited.
10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM. The next meeting will be on September 9, 2009 at 4:30 PM at the Caille Branch Library.