



MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Siouxland Libraries
Main Library
Wednesday, January 14, 2015

1. Roll Call and declaration of quorum. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM by Stein. Members present: Jeff Barth, Laura Reurink, Betsy Rice, Joel Rosenthal, Quinn Stein, and Library Director Mary Johns.
Members absent: Jed Huisman
Staff present: Beth Berg, Jodi Fick, Karen Wiechmann
2. Adoption of the agenda. Motion by Reurink and second by Rosenthal to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Rice and second by Reurink to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Review of financial and statistical reports. Reviewed the preliminary 2014 end of year budget; money left in personnel due to retirements and changes in staffing.
5. Library Director, Staff and Board Member Reports. Director's report: Gale Courses have generated a considerable amount of interest from citizens, schools and businesses. Oscar Howe Night at Prairie West was successful. Security issues have dramatically decreased with the addition of full-time security. Johns toured the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and offered library outreach. The library just launched Novelist, a new software service that makes it easy for readers to find "read alike" books while searching in the catalog. This product also offers recommended reading newsletters users can select to receive.

Staff members Karen Wiechmann and Beth Berg presented information on Family Place Libraries. They attended training on this early childhood development/literacy effort the library will be implementing in the coming months.
6. Public Input. There was no public input.
7. Unfinished Business. None.
8. New Business. None.
9. Other. None
10. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 4:30 PM at the Colton Branch Library, 402 S. Dakota Avenue, Colton, SD.

