

Minutes for July 2023

The Hand County Library Board of Trustees met on July 24, 2023 at 4:00 PM in the Historical Room of the Hand County Library.

Members present: Chairman Andrea Fiala, Trustees Mike Donlin, Gloria Keck, Marianne Peterka and Library Director Hannah Caffee. Member absent: Mike Anglin.

The library will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

Hannah gave a report on recent and upcoming programming. The summer reading program, All Together Now, ends July 26th and currently the program has 146 participants. The grand finale program is Brent Allan, comedian and puppeteer out of Chicago, Illinois. Diane Wilson, author of this year's South Dakota Humanities Council One Book selection *The Seed Keeper*, is visiting July 26th. Diane will discuss her book, her journey in writing, and she will sign copies for patrons. Central Plains Arts Council hosted Arts in the Park July 15 and asked the library to provide entertainment for kids. Hannah took a book craft for kids to work on, and she had 27 participants.

The library board held elections for officers. It was motioned by Mike Donlin and seconded by Marianne Peterka to maintain the current officer roles. The board unanimously voted to have Andrea Fiala continue as chairperson, and Mike Donlin as vice chairperson of the board.

The library policy manual will be tabled until the August library board meeting. A policy will be written and discussed in August regarding loaning technology.

The Community Connect Grant computers have arrived. The library is in need of a storage/charging unit for the laptop computers and hotspot devices. This unit can be mounted on the wall in the microfilm room. Mike Donlin expressed interest in making a cupboard for this purpose. He will report back about it.

The landscaping project is complete. Will Page is working on removal of the weeds at the north end of the parking lot. The board suggested using chemical spray rather than torch burning the weeds. Later in the fall the library board would like to have grass seed planted, and Hannah will investigate who might be able to help with this endeavor. Hannah will also work on gathering ideas for name plates for each plant type in the new landscape. She will work with Blevior to determine the names.

Lenny Fischer was called to fix both the outdoor spigot on the west side of the library and the faucet in the furnace room. He came right away and made quick work of both leaks.

Discussion was held regarding our outdoor space being used for lemonade stands. It was decided that we cannot host lemonade stands as it goes against our policy.

Marianne Peterka made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Donlin.

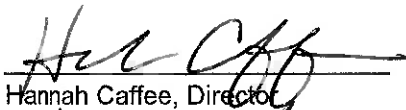
Mike Donlin made a motion to approve the June Financial Report and Bills. Gloria Keck seconded the motion.

The next meeting is set for Monday August 28 at 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

A & B Solutions	#(425) service contract	\$67.17
Bob's Disposal	#(428) garbage	\$21.00
City of Miller	#(428) utilities	\$507.68
Demco	#(426) supplies	\$78.46
Book Systems, Inc.	#(426) supplies	\$1,885.00
Venture Communications	#(428) email address/phone	\$212.19

Salary and Benefits	#(411, 412, 413, 414, 415)	\$5,672.47
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Hannah Caffee, Director


Andrea Fiala, Library Board Chairman