

Minutes for July 2024

The Hand County Library Board of Trustees met on July 29, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the Historical Room of the Hand County Library.

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

An election of officers took place to begin the meeting. Andrea Fiala and Mike Donlin were nominated by Marianne Peterka for Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. Gloria Keck seconded the motion. The board voted in agreement unanimously.

The library director gave a report on programming. The 2024 Summer Reading Program ended on July 19th. Hannah said 122 children participated in the program and collectively read 79,792 minutes. Thirty-one adults signed up for the adult program with four achieving bingos and entered into the raffle for prizes. Book Club will resume in August, and their first book will be *Little and Often* by Trent Prezler. This book is the SD Humanities Council selection for the 2024 One Book South Dakota. A public discussion will be held near the end of September.

Two events are on the horizon. The postponed Arts in the Park event is now rescheduled for August 17th from 3-7pm. The library will offer a book walk during this community event. Hannah is looking to host a Zucchini cookoff contest in early August. Contestants bring a dish (of any kind) made with zucchini, and they will also submit their recipe. Folk who attend will get to cast their vote for their favorite dish.

The Hand County Library is scheduled to be closed for the Labor Day holiday September 2nd.

Hannah and the Policy Manual Committee brought some adjustments to share with the library board. Hannah reported that more work needs to be done before we approve this manual because of changing South Dakota laws. She will be working with Anson Law to ensure the library is in compliance with the new law. Hannah will also be attending the South Dakota Library Association Conference in September to learn from other libraries in the state on how they are approaching the new law and policies. She anticipates a final manual draft will be ready by the October meeting.

Brent Adams from the Center for Independence has reached out about potential job carving for the people he serves. He wondered if the library had work available. The board discussed and ultimately decided that we do not have anything available at this time.

Mike Donlin provided an update on the installed bike rack on the west side of the library. A thank-you card will be sent to Vern's Manufacturing for bending the pipe to create this bike rack. A name plate will be added as Memorial Funds were used to finance this project.

Mike Donlin also gave an update on the outdoor chess table project. He has a plan for forming a table himself out of concrete. This will cut the cost immensely because shipping will not longer be included. We are all staying tuned.

In other concerns and business, Hannah noted that the Backpack Buddy program had their sign up sheets available at the front desk. It was a nice confidential location for families. The program provides school supplies for students in need, and they will be able to pick up their supplies from the Methodist Church in August before school starts.

The Community Connect Grant is finishing up July 31st which means the wifi hotspots will be disconnected. Hannah recently received an email that service to these hotspots might continue if grant funds allow. She will expect more information in August. Otherwise, the laptop computers continue to be available for check out, and if the hotspot service is not continued with the grant, the board will decide if we want to support the service going forward.

Mike Donlin made the motion to approve the June meeting minutes and expenses. Marianne Peterka seconded.

Gloria Keck made the motion to approve the Financial Report and bills. Mike Donlin seconded.


The next board meeting will be Monday, August 26th at 4:00pm

Meeting adjourned.

A & B Solutions	#(425) service contract	\$73.89
Amazon	#(426) supplies (grant)	\$1393.81
Bob's Disposal	#(428) garbage	\$21.00
City of Miller	#(428) utilities	\$593.37
Demco	#(426) supplies	\$172.13
Faronics	#(434.1) computer software	\$212.00
Hughes Electric	#(425) maintenance	\$153.06
Ingram	#(426) supplies	\$475.62
The Library Store	#(426) supplies	\$25.89
Venture Communications	#(428) email address/phone	\$204.70

Salary and Benefits	#(411, 412, 413, 414, 415)	\$6112.38
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 Hannah Caffee, Director


 Andrea Fiala, Library Board Chairman