

## DRAFT Minutes for February

The Hand County Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Hand County Library.

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

The Hand County Library will be closed April 18th, 19th, and 21st for the Easter holiday.

Hannah Caffee gave an update on Summer Reading Program planning. She attended the Jumpstart workshop in Chamberlain, booked Will Stuck for a summer Cartooning Performance, and met with local artists for further programming planning. Hannah reported that the South Dakota State Library is switching tracking software for summer reading, but Hand County Library would like to continue with ReadSquared for this summer since our patrons are familiar with the platform. The board agreed that it would be beneficial to continue the use of the same program from the past four years of Summer Reading Programs.

Current programs were reviewed:

- Preschool Storytime met on March 13th with 22 in attendance. April 10th is our next story time event, and we will host a special Headstart story time next month on April 16th at the library.
- Winter Book Club met on March 20th with 8 in attendance. Members discussed books of poetry, and will meet again to discuss *The Cost of Free Land* by Rebecca Clarren on May 1st at 5:30pm. Rebecca Clarren will be visiting the library on Tuesday, May 6th at noon to present her book, autograph books, and answer questions. This event is open to the public.
- Dungeons and Dragons continues to play at the library on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30.
- Chess Club's final schedule includes practices on March 28, April 11, and April 25th. The tournament is scheduled for May 10th.
- The Career Fair held at the Miller Community Center brought over 60 adults and high school students to visit the library booth where they learned more about Summer Reading Volunteer opportunities.
- The Reading Dweebs Advisory Board had a busy month. Granny Club has decided to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, and has filled the chairs with crocheters. The Reader's Theater group had their performance on March 20th. They had a flawless performance for a large audience.
- National Library Week is coming up April 7th-12th, and the library is celebrating accordingly:
  - Monday, April 7th: Make Your Own Button
  - Wednesday, April 9th: International Student Presentations
  - Saturday April 12th: Filipino Culture Showcase
  - Throughout the week, we will have eggs in an incubator. Patrons can sign up to win these freshly hatched chicks!

Hannah reported that the 2024 Annual Report has been submitted to the SD State Library. The board reviewed the report at the February Library Board meeting.

Hannah reported she will be working on the 2026 Budget Request. She mentioned significant increases in the prices of some services. She also is considering the time required for social media and marketing of programs and how to best incorporate that work among other responsibilities for staff.

Hannah shared information regarding two recent donations. The presentation of the Dianne Clement Gropper and James Gropper Hand County Library Endowment will be Friday, March 28th at noon.

Mike Donlin made the motion to approve the February minutes and petty cash statements. Marianne Peterka seconded.

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

The next library board meeting will be held Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned.

A & B Solutions	#(425) service contract	\$
Bob's Disposal	#(428) garbage	\$
Bob's Gas	#(426) propane	\$
City of Miller	#(428) utilities	\$
Ingram	#(426) supplies	\$
Overdrive	#(426) supplies	\$
Venture Communications	#(428) email address/phone	\$

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

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Andrea Fiala, Board President