

February 12, 2024 Board minutes
The meeting was held at the library

The meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m. by Vice-President Dian Nowell

Roll Call:

Present: Paula Martin, Dian Nowell, Erin Murray, Mary Tuel, Doug Dellachiesa, Beth Kisch

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Doug and seconded by Paula, and the motion was carried.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Paula and seconded by Mary, and the motion was carried.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Mary and seconded by Beth, and the motion was carried.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Budget: Final January numbers:

Total revenue: \$581.35

Total expenses: \$2,552.25

Reports:

Tentative expenses for February: \$2,798.95

Who-Fi: 20 unique visitors used this service, 61 total visits, 82 sessions

Circulations: Bridges: 15 check-outs, 3 unique users

Circulations: 72 check-outs, 81 check-ins, 57 items added, 164 items deleted

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mary and seconded by Paula and the motion was carried.

Unfinished Business:

Programming update: All dates are set for our upcoming events. Friday, February 23, 2024: Spring Craft Night. Friday, March 15, 2024: Build a Buddy Fundraiser. Monday, March 25, 2024: Trivia Night. Monday, April 15, 2024: "Bar" Crawl and Mocktails. Wednesday, April 24, 2024: Rosie the Riveters of Iowa.

New Business:Recent Legislation: SsB3131: Explanation:

This bill relates to city library board authority and property relinquishment. Current law requires each city and county to levy a tax of at

least 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value on taxable property or the monetary equivalent for the purpose of supporting the public library. The bill provides that a city or county may levy such tax. Under current law, a city council may, on its own motion, or shall, upon receipt of a valid petition, submit a proposal to alter the composition, selection process, or charge of the library board to the voters of the city. The bill strikes this provision and allows a city council to alter the composition, manner of selection, or charge of the library board by ordinance. The bill directs the city to take title of all property possessed or acquired by the library board on and after July 1, 2025.

SsB3168:Explanation:

This bill relates to city library directors and city library moneys. The bill allows a city council to oversee and change the hiring practice for a library director and utilize library tax moneys by ordinance and without a referendum.

HsB678:Explanation:

This bill relates to city library directors and city library policies and initiatives.

Under current law, a city council may, on its own motion, or shall, upon receipt of a valid petition, submit a proposal to alter the composition, selection process, or charge of the library board to the voters of the city. The bill strikes this provision and allows a city council to oversee and change the hiring practice for a library director and utilize library tax moneys for library projects and initiatives by ordinance and without referendum.

Hf2351:Explanation:

This bill establishes the Iowa imagination library program within the department of administrative services (department).

The bill provides that, subject to an appropriation of funds by the general assembly, the Iowa imagination library program is created and shall be administered by the department. The program facilitates the mailing of age-appropriate and high-quality books each month to eligible children at no cost to an eligible child or the eligible child's family. Under the program, and "eligible child" is a person residing in this state who is five years of age or younger.

The program authorizes the state librarian to enter into an agreement with a nonprofit entity that shall operate the program. The bill establishes that the agreement shall require the nonprofit entity to exist for the purpose of operating the program; managing the daily operations of the program, including establishing county-based affiliate programs; developing and coordinating a public awareness campaign to make donors aware of the opportunity to donate to county-based affiliate programs and make the public aware of the opportunity to register eligible children to receive books through the program; contracting with a national nonprofit foundation to provide eligible children with books each month at no cost; and paying to the national nonprofit foundation 50 percent of the cost the national nonprofit foundation incurs providing books to eligible children under the program.

The bill requires county-based affiliate programs to pay to the nonprofit entity that is responsible for the operation of the program a combined 50 percent of the costs the national nonprofit foundation incurs providing books to eligible children in the program. The bill provides that the amount that each county-based affiliate program pays shall be prorated to the number of eligible children the county-based affiliate program has enrolled under the program.

The bill requires the department to develop a strategy for attracting additional financial resources for the program from other sources.

The bill requires the nonprofit entity to submit a report to the department that includes information related to the total number of eligible children residing in each county and city in this state. The bill also requires the department to submit this report to the general assembly, along with any other information related to the program that the department deems pertinent.

Board Elections:

President: Dian Nowell

Vice-President: Doug Dellachiesa

Secretary: Beth Kisch

A motion was made to accept the board positions by Paula and seconded by Mary, and the motion carried.

Schedule Board Training: We will meet one hour early for the board training at our next two scheduled board meetings.

Erin stated that the library would be closed March 5, 2024 so she could attend Capital Day to lobby for the library.

Agenda items for the Next Meeting

1. Events Update
2. Policy Review: Unattended Minors and Patron Behavior
3. Possible Board Training

Upcoming Meetings

1.Regular Meeting: March 11, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

A motion was made to adjour by Mary, seconded by Paula and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Beth Kisch

