

Minutes
Nobles County Library Board
Monday, July 11, 2022

- **The following board members were in attendance:** Kathy Craun, Jennie Kinser, Andrea Duarte Alonso, Kouba and County Commissioner Bob Paplow
- **Absent:** Peg Faber
- **Present library staff:** Library Director Beth Sorenson and Office Support Marci Moshier
- **Others present:** Pete Navara from Friends of the Library

Call to Order:

Kathy Craun called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Additions to Agenda:

Friends of the Library Discussion – under New Business (after Donations)

M/S/P: Duarte Alonso/Kouba

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

The board reviewed the minutes from the June 13, 2022 meeting.

M/S/P: Duarte Alonso/Kinser

Reports:

Financial:

The board reviewed the financial reports from June 2022.

M/S/P: Kouba/Craun

Claims:

The board reviewed the claims from June 2022.

M/S/P: Duarte Alonso/Kouba

Circulation:

The Board reviewed the circulation reports for June 2022. Katie Kouba wonders if we should promote that we are able to get books from anywhere in the state for patrons, as we send out over 900 items but only receive 400. Beth Sorenson voices that the difference is that we're a larger library and so we send out more than the smaller libraries. Beth adds that sometimes the way people search in our catalog might affect that too, if they click on the first search result without looking through all of the records. Andrea Duarte asks if Libby usage is counted as well? Beth responds that it is. Andrea comments that what you see at Barnes and Noble was on Libby, but not here in the library and wonders how we bring those things here? Beth replies that if people know those newest books are out there then we should have what they want. Kathy Craun voices that when people from her book say that the library doesn't have this book but everybody's reading it, she tells them to go to the library and ask them to get it. If the library doesn't have it, they can usually get it.

PCLS Report:

County Commissioner Bob Paplow updates the board that there isn't any extra money to give out from the State. Andrea Duarte Alonso adds that there was a lot of discussion about PTO and that Plum Creek is drafting a PTO policy after an employee is having trouble finding time to use her PTO. Kathy Craun adds that the budget hasn't really changed but it will be finalized soon and the PTO issue will get resolved as well.

Old Business:

○ **Strategic Plan – Update**

- Beth Sorenson updates that the library had a booth set up at the International Festival last weekend. Not a lot of people stopped by but it was good to be there. Kelly Reeves from Worthington TV 3 stopped to talk with Beth about working together to get information out on Channel 3. There is discussion on the Strategic Plan and how to know when we've fulfilled the goal and what to do about it. Kathy Craun adds that the next step was the 'action plan' after working through the Strategic Plan. Beth has an upcoming Zoom meeting with Alayne soon and will discuss some things with her. The Board discusses that there was a lot of community input and that it would be good to update and thank the community for all of their input and help. Ideas are tossed around of how to keep the community updated and involved, such as big posters showing that we're making progress, open houses, showing that we have more space for the children's programs, etc.

New Business:

○ **Involvement at Community Events**

- Beth Sorenson comments again that the library had a booth at the International Festival and there has been discussion about possibly doing 'Turkey Bingo' for Worthington's Turkey Day. It was discussed about the staff going out into the schools but it has been done before and wasn't very successful; maybe it can be done again but differently.

○ **Senior Community Service Employment Participant**

- Beth Sorenson announces that Barb Shire from Luverne has come to help at both the Adrian and Worthington libraries. She will be in Worthington on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and in Adrian Wednesday afternoons to help with their Summer Reading Program. She is helping with projects such as scanning and packing the Better World Books/book sale books and will eventually help with the take-and-make projects, events, book sales, etc.

○ **Donations**

- Round Table donated \$31.00 towards two adult non-fiction books to add to the collection.
 - *BE IT RESOLVED by the NOBLES COUNTY LIBRARY GOVERNING BOARD that the Nobles County Library does hereby graciously accept the donation of \$31.00 from Round Table, and further, that the Board does hereby extend its sincere gratitude for the donation. WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at the Nobles County Library Board meeting this July 11, 2022.*
 - M/S/P: Duarte Alonso/Kinser
- Barbara Gould donated \$200.00 towards replacing the chairs outside of the elevator.
 - *BE IT RESOLVED by the NOBLES COUNTY LIBRARY GOVERNING BOARD that the Nobles County Library does hereby graciously accept the donation of \$200.00 from Barbara Gould, and further, that the Board does hereby extend its sincere gratitude for the donation. WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at the Nobles County Library Board meeting this July 11, 2022.*
 - M/S/P: Duarte Alonso/Craun

▪ **Friends of the Library Discussion**

- There is discussion with Friends of the Library member, Pete Navara, about the upcoming meeting on Thursday, July 14th, as the information hasn't been sent out yet and notice of the meeting hasn't been posted. Pete believes this will be their annual meeting. Beth Sorenson asks if Pete knows if any 990's have been filed with the Attorney General's Office since 2015 and Pete replies that they file every year. Beth voices that there is nothing online but Pete replies that's their fault because it has been done. Beth requests them to be on file but Pete replies that a former Library Director, Clint, didn't need them. Beth requests them to be on file as well as the information that the Library Board requested last December, since it's not at the library. Pete replies that they had a filing cabinet here but it was taken away from them, so everything is at his house but he can bring it all to the library. It is discussed that a few of the Library Board members will try to attend the Friend's meeting on Thursday to try to learn more about the Friends.

Other:

○ **Adult Bingo Night - Results**

- Beth Sorenson states that 63 people attended. People were excited for it and a lot of compliments were received. Beth adds that it's hard to promote to the community and other cultures that this and other programs are free; it doesn't cost you anything and it's something to do. Katie Kouba comments that it's a matter of building trust; keep aiming for it and it'll come.

Upcoming Events:

July 13, 2022 – The Zoo Man, Brent Mielke (Worthington)

July 18, 2022 – Paint Party - lead by SammyJo Miller from 5-7 p.m. (Worthington)

July 23, 2022 – Dennis Warner – musical artist (Adrian)

September 19, 2022 – Author, Hector Curriel – Teen Program from 4-4:45 p.m. (Worthington)

– Adult Program from 6-7 p.m. (Worthington)

September 24, 2022 – Author, William Kent Krueger (Worthington)

October 6, 2022 – Kate Swenson – local author – from 6-7 p.m. (Worthington)

October 24, 2022 – Supernatural Author, Adrian Lee from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Worthington)

November 8, 2022 – Kathrine Hendricks – local author – Children's Program 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Wgtn)

– Adult Program 5:30 -6:30 p.m. (Wgtn)

Adjournment

Kathy Craun adjourns the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

M/S/P: Duarte Alonso/Kouba

Next Meeting:

Monday, August 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the library's Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted, Marci Moshier, Office Support