

**Minutes**  
**Nobles County Library Board**  
**Monday, August 8, 2022**

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

***Call to Order:***

Peg Faber called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

***Additions to Agenda:***

Discuss closing the library on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

M/S/P: Kouba/Craun

***Public Comment:***

None.

***Approval of Minutes:***

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 11, 2022 meeting.

M/S/P: Craun/Kouba

**Reports:**

**Financial:**

The board reviewed the financial reports from July 2022.

M/S/P: Craun/Kouba

**Claims:**

The board reviewed the claims from July 2022.

M/S/P: Craun/Kouba

**Circulation:**

The Board reviewed the circulation reports for July 2022. The Board discusses the graphs; they agree it would be interesting to compare where things are at now to pre-Covid, such as 2019's numbers. Marci Moshier will put together graphs comparing 2019's circulation and patron numbers to 2022's for next month's meeting.

**PCLS Report:**

Beth Sorenson updates the Board that she attended training for the family history kits. We have the kit here but need to finish getting some things ready before it goes into circulation soon. It is also discussed that another Library Board member will have to attend the Plum Creek Meetings, besides Kathy Craun, as Andrea Duarte Alonso is no longer here.

**Old Business:**

▪ **Strategic Plan – Update**

- Beth Sorenson updates that the library added VOX Books to the collection; they are books that have players attached and read the book out loud. There are five of them – one in Arabic, one in Spanish, two in Tagalog and one in English. We also added three backpack kits; there are two Magna-Tile Kits (one is Construction) and a Baking Kit. Beth adds that we are continuing to weed the collection; DVDs have been rearranged and sorted into sections and are being re-labeled yet.

### **New Business:**

- **Employee Opening – Adult Services Librarian (Full Time)**
  - Beth Sorenson tells the Board that Daniel Mick is leaving us for the Library Director’s position at the Mountain Lake library. Beth adds that his last day is this Friday and that position should be posted soon. The Board thanks Daniel for his time here and is sad to see him go.
- **Library Board Member Openings**
  - Beth Sorenson reminds the Board that Andrea Duarte Alonso is no longer on the Library Board and that we will need to fill that position. It is discussed that Kathy Craun and Jennie Kinser both live in District 5 and when Kathy’s term is done at the end of the year, Jennie will then cover District 5 instead of District 3. The Board will need two new members, one from District 3 and one from District 4. It is also discussed that in the By-Laws, Library Board members needs to be appointed from each of the five commissioner districts. There is some confusion about the wording in the By-Laws and it is noted to e-mail the By-Laws to the Board Members now and it will be reviewed at next month’s meeting.
- **Closing the library on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.**
  - Beth Sorenson explains to the Library Board that the County will be updating all computers and servers that weekend. It won’t affect the public computers but it will affect the staff computers and phones. She explains it would be very hard to explain that they can come in but can’t check out. The Board agrees it is a good idea to close that day.
    - Kathy Craun: “I make a motion to close the Nobles County Library in Worthington on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, due to computer and technological changes.” Second by Katie Kouba. All in favor, none opposed.

### **Other:**

- **Results:**
  - Beth Sorenson updates the board on the following results from programs:
    - The Zoo Man (Worthington) = 173 people in the morning and 176 people in the afternoon
    - Paint Party (Worthington) = 25 people
    - Movie Night (Worthington) = 102 people
    - Dennis Warner (Adrian) = 85people

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 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) from 1-2 p.m. (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 – Kathie Hendricks – local author – Children’s Program 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Worthington)  
– Adult Program 5:30 -6:30 p.m. (Worthington)

### **Adjournment**

Peg Faber adjourns the meeting at 4:52 p.m.  
M/S/P: Craun/Kouba

### **Next Meeting:**

Monday, September 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the library’s Conference Room.  
Respectfully submitted, Marci Moshier, Office Support