

Minutes
Nobles County Library Board
Monday, October 9, 2023

- **The following board members were in attendance:** Bridget Harberts, John Stewart, Jennie Kinser, Katie Kouba and County Commissioner Bob Paplow
- **Absent:** Peg Faber
- **Present library staff:** Library Director Beth Sorenson and Office Support Marci Moshier
- **Others present:** Julie Buntjer (The Globe)

Call to Order:

Jennie Kinser called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

M/S/P: Stewart/Kouba

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 2023 meeting.

M/S/P: Harberts/Kouba

Reports:

Financial:

The board reviewed the financial reports from September 2023.

M/S/P: Kouba/Stewart

Claims:

The board reviewed the claims from September 2023.

M/S/P: Kouba/Harberts

Circulation:

The board reviewed the circulation reports from September 2023.

PCLS Report:

Beth Sorenson explains that Plum Creek had their annual meeting at the Pipestone Library. Beth updates the board that their library moved out of the school and into a former funeral home earlier this year.

Old Business:

▪ **Library Remodel – Update**

- Bob Paplow tells the board that there was a focus group meeting last week and the consensus was that a remodel of the current building would be done, but no addition. He clarifies that an addition could be put on at a later date, but that we would have to go out and do fundraising for that. Bob continues that there are grants that could be applied for and grant money from the State that can be applied for. Beth Sorenson puts the plans up on the tv and hands out the drawings on paper as well. There is some discussion on lighting, windows and shelving, but overall the board is curious what the staff thinks of these plans. Beth responds that she has gotten zero feedback from the staff at this time. The board discusses the next steps, starting with Beth finding out what the staff thinks and possibly what they like or dislike about the current plans. From there the Focus Group will meet again, with or without the architects, depending on the feedback from the staff.

- **Budget - Update**
 - Beth Sorenson says that there is no update at this time.

New Business:

- **Employee Update**
 - Beth Sorenson updates the board that Lauren Madison is the new Circulation Assistant – Youth Services and that she is doing great so far. She adds that Lauren worked here this past summer too as the Summer Assistant.

Other:

- **Program Results & Upcoming Events**
 - The board reviews the past program results and the upcoming events. Beth adds that last week Adrian Lee had 16 people, Open Mic Night had zero people and Board Game Night had 5 people. The Fall Book Sale will be October 18th – 20th and Jackie is having a Halloween Carnival this year.

Adjournment

Jennie Kinser adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

M/S/P: Kouba/Stewart

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the library's Conference Room #2.

Respectfully submitted, Marci Moshier, Office Support