

PELLA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 11, 2014

I. Call To Order: President Mary Barnes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Board members present: Mary Barnes, John Evenhouse, Jane Koogler, Rebecca Manifold, and Jeff Siewert. Library Director Wendy Street was also present. Board Members Mohan Praveen and Sarah Cottington were absent.

II. Recognition of Visitors and Visitor Comments: There were no visitors or guests present.

III. Approval of Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda. The agenda stood as approved.

IV. Disposition of Minutes: All Board members received the February 2014 minutes prior to the meeting. John moved to approve the minutes as received; Rebecca seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

V. Approval of Bills: All Board members received the March list of bills prior to the meeting. Wendy distributed a new list with two additional bills. After some general discussion and questions regarding the monthly bills, Jane moved to approve the March bills. Jeff seconded the motion. The bills were unanimously approved.

VI. Unfinished Business: Upcoming vacancy on the board—Wendy reported that the vacancy has been advertised in the library and on the library website. Board members are encouraged to think of people who might be interested in serving.

VII. New Business:

- A. Food for Fines – Wendy proposed that the library continue to offer “Food for Fines” during National Library Week as has been done for the past several years. After some discussion of how “Food for Fines” works, Rebecca moved to approve the proposal, and John seconded the motion. “Food for Fines” was unanimously approved.
- B. State Funding – Board members received a description of state funding projects prior to the meeting. After some questions and discussion, Rebecca moved to approve the projects as listed. Jane seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

VIII. President’s Report and Announcements: President Mary Barnes did not have anything new to report.

IX. Director’s Report:

- A. Budget - The 2014/15 budget was approved at the March 4 Council meeting. It includes \$2,000 for new public computers at the library. This will probably only get us 2 new public computers since we want to purchase Windows 8 machines with touch screens. We will also get 3-4 new staff machines, so we will be able to roll down staff machines to public machines.
- B. Legislation update - HF 2055, the bill that would amend Iowa public records law to mandate the release of the library records of a minor child to a parent or guardian upon request, is dead for the year. While the bill did make it through subcommittee, the House Education Committee did not take up the legislation before the funnel deadline, so no further action can be taken this legislative session. HF 2087, the bill about microfilming newspapers, is an appropriations bill and is still alive.
- C. Reconsideration Request - Wendy reported that the library received a “request for reconsideration” for the movie “I Love You Phillip Morris.” The request and written response were included in the board packet. The patron has the option of appealing the director’s decision to the board.
- D. Building & Grounds – Wendy reported that one estimate for mud jacking has been received and additional estimates are sought. We will likely have to close the library for two days for this project.
- E. Staff activities - Aleta Gustavson was hired as a shelver and started on February 26.
- F. Upcoming events:
 - March 11 at 7:00 p.m.: L.E.M.M.I.N.G.S. Teen Group. Any students in 6th grade or higher are welcome to join us.

- March 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.: Fairy Program with the Art Center for kids in 2nd grade and up. Registration is required at the Community Center office.
- March 19 at 10:30 a.m.: Morning Movie. Please join us to watch a movie on the big screen in the meeting room. The same movie (Frozen) will be played on Thursday afternoon.
- March 20 at 10:15 a.m.: Genealogy Club will meet in the Library meeting room.
- March 20 at 1:00 p.m.: Afternoon Movie. Please join us to watch a movie on the big screen in the meeting room.
- March 20 at 4:00 p.m.: Rock, Paper, Scissors. Kids in grades 3rd to 5th are invited to make a craft and discuss books.
- March 25 at 4:00 p.m.: Stories and More. Students in PreK to 2nd grade are invited for stories and to make a small craft. No sign up is necessary.
- March 27 at 12:00 noon: The Brown Bag Book Club will discuss East of Eden by John Steinbeck.

Coming in April:

- Friends of the Library book sale: April 12-21.
- National Library Week: April 13-19
- World Book Night: April 23

X. Committee reports: The Governance and Policy committee distributed a suggested revision to the Meeting Room Policy prior to the meeting. Jeff moved to approve the revision; Jane seconded the motion. The change to the Meeting Room policy was unanimously approved. The committee also reported that the Displays policy was reviewed and no changes were suggested.

XI. Adjournment: President Mary Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is scheduled for April 8th, 2014.