

## WESTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 28, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the board was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chairperson Pat Morgan. Present were Pat Morgan, Paul Patterson, Sherri Randall, Cathy Dunford, Brenda Mahoney-Ayres, and Deb Smith.

The agenda was reviewed and Brenda requested the addition of an executive session.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected to clarify that the S.T.E.A.M. kits made by Penworthy were made available by the State Library rather than through them. Paul moved to accept the minutes as corrected; Cathy seconded. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented, showing we are halfway through the budget, Cathy noted only 1% had been spent on library materials as of December. Brenda mentioned this would change with the next report. 39 ½% of the total budget has been utilized to date. Paul moved to accept the report as presented; Deb seconded. Motion carried.

Brenda presented the director's report. Jenna Goodart has been commissioned as a notary public. As soon as the requisite materials are received, this service will be offered to the public. The Weston County Library Foundation will purchase Hoopla, another digital media platform, for the Weston County Library System. In addition, they are purchasing a subscription for the purchase of large-print books for both libraries from CenterPoint Books. The Lifetime Arts Creative Aging program ended January 12, with artwork on display in the meeting room through January 31. Lifetime Arts will be offering another round of grants, for which we will be applying. An assortment of non-fiction and children's books were purchased from Longrider books. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program began January 26 and will continue through April 11. A Star Watch Party will be held at the LAK Lake Friday, February 25 from 6:15 to 9 p.m. with Dan and Janet Pullen

Sherri presented the Upton Branch Library report. Planning for the summer reading program is underway, with plans for a magic show in July to be held at the Upton Community Center. Shelving has been added in the young adult area, so they are moving some books around there and in the adult area to better utilize space. Computers have been upgraded to Windows 11. Grant money from the Stewart Cellers Foundation was used to purchase approximately 80 children's books and 40 audiobooks on CD.

Weston County Library Foundation report was presented by Brenda. The Foundation met January 11, 2022. They discussed planning an event to get their name before the public once again. An article about the purchase of the Hoopla digital media platform will be sent to the paper. The discussion included an advocacy campaign stressing the importance of libraries.

**Old Business:**

**S.T.E.A.M. Kit Lending Policy:** Paul moved to accept the policy on the second reading; Cathy seconded. Motion carried.

**Library Board Operations Policy:** The policy was reviewed extensively. Being a new board member, Deb had a number of questions regarding this policy. Some questions were simply a matter of clarification and perhaps clarifying wording. Pat will email evaluation questions to the board members for consideration and clarification for the February meeting. After extensive discussion, it was agreed to have no reading of the policy until after the wording has been fine-tuned,

**New Business:**

The Board went into executive session at 1:14 p.m. for personnel issues. The board came out of executive session at 2:03 p.m. No decision was made.

The next meeting will be February 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Smith, Secretary