

## MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE GARNER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

5:30 p.m.

**Present:** Jaci Hayes, Ashley Young, Mike Meyering, Lori Griesert, Ellen Petty, and Marline Lewerke

### Call to Order

President Jaci Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

### Approval of the Agenda

Mike Meyering made a motion to approve the agenda, and Ashley Young seconded it. Motion carried.

### Approval of the Minutes

Ashley Young made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction, and Mike Meyering seconded it. Motion carried.

### Librarian's Report

#### Movie License

- The two licenses (normally one due in March, the other in September) have been extended because of the pandemic with the same pricing in effect until October 1.
- This allows the decision on whether or not to renew these to be shelved for now.

#### Iowa Library for the Blind Webinars

- Monthly webinars have highlighted the different available services.
- BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Downloads): Can put 20-30 books on a cartridge and send out; this is an excellent service as the library could not possibly provide that number.
- These services reach more people now because of less restrictive requirements to qualify.

#### Busy Bags

- Ellen shared a sample one (letters) that included books, a puzzle, cards with wooden snap-in letters on one side and pictures on the back, and reusable letter sheets. An inventory sheet is included in each bag.
- Other topics include numbers, colors, opposites, and tools.
- These target children ages 0-5 and will soon be ready for checkout.

#### Sweet Reads – Recap

- This was popular; the overall numbers were down a bit, but those who participated read a lot.
- Prizes for adults (gas card), teens (Subway card), and children (books) were paid for by the Friends of the Library.

#### Online Legislator Forum Friday, March 5

- This will be held from 2-3:30 p.m. and will feature Representative Terry Baxter and Senator Dennis Guth.
- This is open to anyone interested.

#### Other

Rachel (Greiman) Prohaska has written a children's book, *Hearts from Heaven*. Her mother, Faye Greiman, donated a copy to the library.

#### Bills Allowed

Mike Meyering made a motion to pay the bills as printed. Ashley Young seconded it. Motion carried.

#### Citizen's Opportunity to Address the Board

None

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Digitization Project – Update: HRDP State Grant**

- This is in the final stage. Once the final report is turned in, final payment should be received.

### **Landscaping – New Border Piece; Island – Update**

- Ellen has still not received a response from the West Des Moines contact she made.

## **New Business**

### **Lawn Care**

- Brant Lawn Care will be hired again because of the excellent job they do.

### **Copier Lease**

- Bids do not have to be sought once the current lease expires.
- Since the current Canon machine is working well, the service is prompt and excellent when needed, and the monthly charge will actually decrease \$31.28, the current lease with Gordon Flesch will be renewed.

### **Discussion: Current Pandemic Situation Update**

- Things are going well.

## **Report of Trustees**

None

## **Report of Committees**

None

## **Discussion**

None

## **Adjournment**

Ashley Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mike Meyering seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Jaci Hayes, President

Lori Griesert, Recording Secretary