

Cole Library Board of Trustees Minutes
March 21, 2023

Present: Cathy, Diana, Tracey, Grace, Jackie, Greg

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by President Diana Corcoran.
- II. Minutes were approved with a minor change.
- III. Reports/Ongoing Business
 - a. President –
 - b. Public Librarian
 - i. Linn County Supervisors Advocacy meeting scheduled for March 10th was postponed due to weather. The format of the meeting is being reconsidered since there were no supervisors that were planning to attend the original meeting.
 - ii. Spring Book Talk will be April 13, 2023 at noon. Cathy distributed bookmarks for the Board to share with friends. The Cornell faculty and staff are attending as part of the “Let’s Go” program. Cathy and Greg will be presenting at this Book Talk.
 - iii. Spring Break Recap: It was a fun week! The Movie (Puss & Boots) was attended by a few. The Lego Club event was a lot of fun. The Knitting Event was difficult to manage and Cathy will re-think this one for next year. There was a violinist at Storytime and 15 attended.
 - iv. Social Justice Book Group – This new Book Group will be starting and will read 4 books a year. Sherene Player will facilitate the group and she is also writing a column for the Cole Corner.
 - v. Summer Reading – Grace & Cathy are starting to plan for this. The theme is “Find Your Voice.”
 - vi. Seed Share Program – Cathy has been in contact with the Linn County Master Gardener people asking if they would consider managing our library seed share. They will take the request to their next meeting to find volunteers.
 - c. Librarian’s Report
 - i. Financial Report – Things to note: County Funds are \$5,000 more than expected and Personnel Expense is lower due to not having a replacement for Sheila’s position.
- IV. Major Business
 - a. Children’s Room Renovation Update: Bids are in and plans are moving along. Cathy is waiting on paint and carpet samples. Blinds are slated to be installed on May 10th. Shelves along the wall are the only units that need to be moved for painting and carpeting.

- b. Library Assistant Replacement – An excellent candidate has been interviewed. The potential employee desires 15 hours per week and the current budget allows for a 10 hour/week position. Greg proposed that the College pay for the additional hours from the student summer employee budget.
- c. City Budget Update – nothing to report. We should receive an update by April 20th (possibly earlier).

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m. Next meeting will be April 18, 2023