

COLE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

JUNE 15, 2021

PRESENT: Cathy Boggs, Greg Cotton, Deb George, Diana Corcoran, Gwen Schimek-Tischler,
Bob Meeker.

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Deb George at 8:36 a.m. in Room 108.
- II. The minutes were approved.
- III. REPORTS:
 - A. PRESIDENT: Thank you to the retiring board members; Deb George and Bob Meeker.
 - B. PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR:
 1. Summer Reading Program. Summer Reading is going very well with 104 children in the program. Also, there is a "Tweens" reading program and we have 52 in the Kids Club. Everyone has a Summer Reading T-shirt and all will receive a paint set from the Cole Library.
 2. Grant Request. The State of Iowa is offering grants through the federal government. The grants are to help pay for the changes libraries made during Covid-19. We will apply for the \$5,000 grant to use for:
 - a. cushions for Story Time
 - b. Hoopla
 - c. a Bridges supplement which allows Cole Library to access books specific to the demands of our library (only Mt. Vernon residents can use that book).
 - C. LIBRARIAN:
 1. We reviewed the financial report. Current available funds are \$17,000.
 2. Our available funds are higher than expected in part because:
 - a. the library did not have any programming costs during Covid.
 - b. the county funding was about \$4,000 more than anticipated.
 - c. a door repair bill was several thousand dollars under budget.
- IV. MAJOR BUSINESS:
 1. Hoopla. This is an instant digital access service for patrons. We will fund it using money from the State grant and our available funds. There will be a five items per month restriction on this service. This restriction can be adjusted later dependent on usage.
 2. Community Survey.

The final draft will be approved at the August board meeting and it will be submitted by September 2nd. The information from the survey is used to prepare our 5-year goals and plans.
 3. New Board Members. Names for potential board members were suggested.
 4. Thanks again to retiring board members Deb George and Bob Meeker.

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 24th, 8:30 a.m. in Room 108.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted;
Bob Meeker