

**Cole Library Board of Trustees Minutes**  
**February 20, 2024**

Present: Grace Chamberlain, Diana Corcoran, Jackie Wallace, Brandi Shanata

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Diana Corcoran.
- II. The agenda was approved unanimously (Jackie moved, Brandi seconded the motion).
- III. Brandi moved that the minutes be approved, Jackie seconded the motion. The motion was approved after some clarification regarding the library funding bill in the State legislature.
- IV. Reports/Ongoing Business
  - A. President - Diana reported that the House bill re: public library funding made it to the floor of the legislature but it will not be voted on. A related Senate bill is not out of Committee.
  - B. Public Library Director
    1. Newspaper archive update - Tom Wieseler, Marcia Driscoll, and Ann Stoner working on it. The city is paying to bring it up-to-date. The archive company is making changes to correct omissions. Now that the Sun (newspaper) is under new ownership, Grace will be reaching out to the Sun to see if digital copies of the newspaper can be obtained for future archive updates.
    2. Community collaborations: Creative Connects had 17 artists at the first meeting on February 4. Grace received thanks and calls, etc. It is working well. Third grade portraits for Black History are hanging on first floor. The Lisbon Library has a new director (Elizabeth Hoover de Galvez). She has new ideas and is looking forward to partnering with MV.
    3. Spring Break - March 11-15. The library will close Monday - Wednesday but programs will be held the 14th-15th. Spring break is the same time as MV.
    4. Financial Report - County funds have not been received, waiting on a correction to the amount. It will probably be \$32,000. Programming expenditures include the new Cole Library bags and matinee movie supplies.
  - C. College Librarian's Report - n/a
- V. Major Business
  - A. Learn to Play Bridge program - Five people signed up for this, meeting Thursday afternoons. Deb George donated money to purchase card tables.
  - B. Iowa House and Senate bills - Both bills died. There will be a Library Advocacy meeting in Des Moines on March 5. Grace will be attending. A new bill proposed is HF 2442, would restore levy library funding by cities to the 2022 level. HF 718 was mentioned but further information may be provided.
  - C. Collection Development Policy - Grace provided more information/training for review and comments on our current policy.

The meeting was adjourned by Diana. The next meeting will be March 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.