

Cole Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024

Present: Grace Chamberlain, Diana Corcoran, Julia Andrews, Jackie Wallace, Tracey Louwagie

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved – (Jackie 1st, Julia 2nd.)
- III. Approval of Minutes – The minutes were approved - (Julia 1st, Jackie 2nd.)
- IV. Reports/ongoing business
 - A. President
 1. Cathy, Grace and Diana met with Chris Nosbisch. Diana thought Chris appreciated meeting with them and is not concerned with the carryover. Chris said we could ask for a small percentage increase to our budget. Diana is pleased that we had solid budget numbers.
 - B. Public Library Director
 1. Lincoln Highway Arts Festival – this Saturday. Cathy and Grace will be leading an activity (butterfly craft) and are excited to collaborate with the festival.
 2. Browsing Room Chairs – expected to arrive on September 25th. (approximately \$6000)
 3. Fall Programs – The Fall Book Talk will be on October 17th at noon. Master Gardner talks are every Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grace shared bookmarks.
 4. Anne Hanigan Kotz is an Iowa author who will be visiting local libraries with her program on prohibition. Grace is interested in her also coming to Cole Library. There is a whiskey tasting as part of the program. Grace is confirming with the College to see if this is allowed.
 5. Financial Report –We received a donation from the Ingleside Book Club. Grace sent a thank you. The money will be used for Middle/High School Book Groups. There will be an increase in acquisitions because Grace is paying bills from August and September.
 6. MV/L Community Guide – Grace recommended putting an ad in the Guide. The Board agreed to use carryover to buy ad space, (Julia motioned we buy a quarter page ad, Jackie 2nd)
 - C. College Librarian’s Report– Greg was absent.
- V. Major Business
 - A. Mission – Statement was added to include intellectual freedom and the language of existing statement was updated to make the Library Mission Statement more current and relevant. Grace will update the statement and present it at the next meeting.
 - B. FY2026 - We briefly looked at the FY26 budget. We will be asking the City for additional money to at least cover 3% wage increases.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m. The next meeting will be October 15th.