

**Cole Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
*February 18, 2025*

**Present:**

Grace Chamberlain, Diana Corcoran, Julia Andrews, Mike Kragenbrink, Greg Cotton, Tracey Louwagie

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion of House File 274 under Major Business.

(Motion: Julia 1st, Mike 2nd)

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

(Motion: Mike 1st, Diana 2nd)

**IV. Reports and Ongoing Business**

**A. President's Report**

- Diana had nothing to report.

**B. Public Library Director's Report**

**1. Upcoming Programs**

- Puzzle Swap: February 22<sup>nd</sup>. While there hasn't been much drop-off yet, more is expected.
- Spring Master Gardener Talk at Lisbon Library – Wednesdays.
- Spring Book Talk will be April 17th

**2. Make and Take Shelves**

- Shelves are installed and in use. Kids are loving them.

**3. ILOC & Corridor Library Staff Conference**

- Grace attended the conference, which focused on assessment and evaluation. The keynote speaker was excellent, and Grace plans to incorporate the insights.
- Next week, Grace will attend the all-day Corridor Library Staff meeting.

**4. Financial Report**

- We have received the Open Access ILL Funds and all necessary funding from the State.
- Expenditures were higher in January due to three pay periods in the month.
- Grace has signed the contract for Bridges (\$1,300/year).
- The second part of contracting services was sent to Cornell and will appear in next month's report.

### **C. College Librarian's Report**

- We are collaborating with Cornell for Pi Day. There will be coloring pages available in the Children's Room.

### **V. Major Business**

#### **A. Creatives Connect**

- Angie Heuton is the new Artist in Residence for Mount Vernon. She met with Grace, and all events for the year are set.

#### **B. Libraries with Heart**

- Lisa Hitze, coordinator with the American Heart Association, introduced a program that provides blood pressure cuffs to libraries for patrons to check their BP. The AHA supplies everything; the library just provides the space.
- Grace asked for approval to host the program.
  - Motion to approve: Mike 1st, Julia 2nd.

#### **C. Local Resources Display**

- Grace proposed purchasing a brochure holder for local nonprofit resource brochures to be placed on the first floor.
  - Motion to approve a purchase up to \$400: Diana 1st, Julia 2nd.

#### **D. Training and Social Media Policy**

- Grace recommended watching a 20-minute policy video. She will send the link to the video for everyone to watch at home. Discussion will take place at the March meeting.

#### **E. House File 274**

- This bill seeks to repeal Code section 728.7, which relates to obscenity exemptions for public libraries and educational institutions.
- The specifics of the bill are not yet clear. It will be voted on today in the House Education Committee. If passed, it could lead to significant work for the library, impacting free speech and potentially leading to legal liabilities.
- Grace encouraged the Board to contact the House Education Committee via the email link sent earlier.

### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

(Motion: Tracey 1st, Mike 2nd)

**Next Meeting:** March 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.