

Cole Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025

Present:

Grace Chamberlain, Diana Corcoran, Julia Andrews, Mike Kragenbrink, Jackie Wallace, Greg Cotton

Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved. (Motion: Mike 1st, Julia 2nd)

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February meeting were approved with the addition of Jackie Wallace as attending. (Motion: Jackie 1st, Mike 2nd)

IV. Reports and Ongoing Business

A. President's Report

The State Legislature continues to say libraries will lose something but there is no specific information. We could use carry-over money to cover loss but that would not be sustainable.

B. Public Library Director's Report

1. Upcoming Programs

Book talk: April 17. This is the 27th year Hills Bank has sponsored the talk. There are 66 signed up to attend. Greg Cotton and Cathy Boggs are the book presenters.

On May 24th the Lisbon library will screen a documentary on libraries: "Free for All" about the state of libraries.

In May Rhubarb Botanicals will host an open farm day for the library. Library card signups will be encouraged.

In September Rhubarb Botanicals will host a farm Story Time.

May 20: Judge C.J. Williams will present his true crime book about the murders in Mt. Pleasant and how they affected the community. 6:30 p.m.

May 27: Sixth graders will come to the library for a tour of Cole Library.

Chalk the Walk: Grace will try to find someone to do it this year.

2. Brochure holder

The holder has arrived! It will contain College and City information. We will need a policy for what can be included, e.g., 501c.3 nonprofits. We can discuss this at the next meeting.

3. Libraries with Heart

Submitted to the city, located in the area by the vending machines. In conjunction with the American Heart Association.

4. Financial Report

The Linn County funds have arrived: \$31,921.86.

Entre Nous book club made a donation to the library.

C. College Librarian's Report

Looking at budgets. Work study funding has been reduced.

V. Major Business

- A. Chalk the Walk: no one found yet to do it.
- B. Summer Reading Program and Kickoff
 Signup will be May 31 from 10:00 - noon at Cole Library. The event will include Balderdash Ditty, snacks, and Summer Reading Program shirts.
- C. Social Media Policy.
 Board will vote on the Social Media Policy proposal next month.

Grace discussed some future hopes she has for the library. First she would like to have a second full-time person to do community outreach. Another goal is to purchase a mobile library bike that could go into the community with books, etc.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. (Motion: Julia 1st, Jackie 2nd)

Next Meeting: May 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.