

Cole Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2025

Present:

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of "State and Federal Bills and Executive Orders" in Section B. under Major Business.

(Motion: Jackie 1st, Julia 2nd)

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

(Motion: Julia 1st, Mike 2nd)

IV. Reports and Ongoing Business

A. President's Report - Diana had nothing to report.

B. Public Library Director's Report

1. Upcoming Programs

- *Spring Book Talk* will be held on April 17th. Bookmarks were distributed. Cathy and Greg will speak. Greg will discuss various cookbooks and royal romances, while Cathy will speak on mysteries and women's books.
- *Summer Programming* begins in May. Enrich Iowa covers access to the program.
- *Chalk the Walk* will take place during the first weekend of May. The library has a square, and Grace will find a young artist to chalk it.

2. Weeding

- Cathy and Grace have been working on weeding the Children's Room and the DVD collection. Grace is weeding items that haven't been checked out since 2016.

3. Financial Report

- The library has spent money on the collection and Hoopla resources.
- The second part of the contracting services was sent to Cornell.
- Open Access Money has been received.
- In May, the library will receive Greater Cedar Rapids funding from the Les and Katrina Garner Fund.
- The MV Visitor Guide is coming up, and Grace is recommending a page ad, costing \$200. We approved this purchase.

(Motion: Jackie 1st, Julia 2nd)

C. College Librarian's Report

- Greg was not present.

V. Major Business

A. Spring Book Talk

- Grace asked the Board to spread the word about the event.

B. House and Senate Files/Executive Orders

- **HF231 related to SF235** – This bill removes the "Obscenity Objection" clause. If passed, this would open the library up to legal liability, allowing people to sue the library. This would bypass our challenge process and waste library resources.
- **SF238** – This bill removes funding from libraries that are members of professional organizations.
- **Executive Order** – The order removes federal funding to libraries and museums. This would eliminate federal support to Iowa libraries, though the specific impact on our library is still uncertain. Grace suggested sending an Advocacy Alert email to patrons or including information on the library's website. Julia made a motion for Grace to have authority to use any necessary media for library advocacy.

C. Training: Social Media Policy

- The Board watched the video Grace sent out.
- The CDG (Community Development Group) has a Social Media Policy, but the City does not.
- Grace shared Social Media Policies from Iowa City and Marion.
- Grace reviewed the American Library Association's Best Practice PowerPoint with the Board. This provided very good information as we create our own social media Policy.
- Grace is planning a "limited public forum" on Library social media. Our Policy needs to be broad enough to encompass any future Social Media Platforms. Currently we only have Facebook.
- We will work on a draft Library social media at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.
(Motion: Mike 1st, Jackie 2nd)

Next Meeting: April 15, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.