Cole Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

Present:

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April meeting were approved with the change that Grace will be attending the Farmers Market at Rhubarb Botanicals distributing library information.

(Motion: Julia 1st, Mike 2nd)

IV. Reports and Ongoing Business

A. President's Report - Diana had nothing to report. She thanked Grace for her work at Chalk the Walk.

B. Public Library Director's Report

1. Upcoming Programs

- Author Talk 6:30 on May 20th, Judge CJ Williams will be presenting.
- Free For All Screening May 21st at Lisbon Library followed by a discussion.
- Summer Reading Kickoff May 31st at the Library 10-12. This will take place outside in front of the Library.
- 2. Brochure Holder Will be hung soon.

3. Financial Report

- We have exceeded our expected income this year a little bit more from County and State and we received more in fines and donations.
- Grace submitted our Linn County check
- A contract was signed with Mississippi River Museum for a summer program. (\$300.60)
- The library received Greater Cedar Rapids funding from the Les and Katrina Garner Fund.
- The City is giving a 4.5 % raise to the staff. This puts us over in salary and benefits. In August the Board needs to decide where to pull the increase from.

C. College Librarian's Report

• Greg discussed Grace's performance review.

V. Major Business

A. Social Media Policy

- Grace distributed the new Social Media Policy for the Board to review.
- The Board approved the new policy (Jackie 1st, Julia 2nd)

B. Brochure & Poster Policy

- Grace distributed a draft policy.
- The Policy was approved (Julia 1st, Jackie 2nd)

C. County Trustee Seat

Sarah Doyle was presented as a nominee. The Board approved Sarah's nominee to the City (Julia 1st, Jackie 2nd)

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m. (Motion: Julia 1st, Jackie 2nd)

Next Meeting: August 12, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Have a great summer!