

Leach Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 30, 2023

Library Board President Barb Mohs called the meeting to order at 4:09

Members Present: Barb Mohs, Judy Oren, Jeanette Plummer, Kelly McNary, and Deb Loberg

Also Present: Melissa Bakken, Leach Public Library Director

Conflict of Interest: None declared

The date of this meeting was rescheduled from its normal 4th Thursday of the month to this date due to scheduling conflicts.

The minutes of the February 28 meeting were accepted as is. The motion was made by Judy Oren and seconded by Jeanette Plummer.

1. Friends of the Library – The FOTL have decided to use another \$5000 for digitization project. They will digitize another 33 rolls of microfilm bringing the project up through 1974. Their next meeting is set for May 10 at 10:00 am.
2. Physical Plant – Don Wold and Dennis Miranowski have been asked to visually inspect the ledge of the building. The plaster is wet and even falling in some parts. Mr. Wold will also look into the heat tape in the gutters to see if it is working properly. They will complete the inspection when weather and time allows.
3. Library Operations – The February Monthly Report and Monthly Expenditures were reviewed. Programming attendance has been good. The program with the author has to be rescheduled to March 31 due to inclement weather.
4. Old Business – The city did not receive the grant that would have altered parking along 2rd Avenue in front of the library. The status of the computer systems with Digital Guru is ongoing.
5. New Business – The teen area has been updated. Thanks to Rachel Kercher for completing this project. There is a bill in the North Dakota State Legislature that concerns the banning of certain books. The original bill has been amended but is still potentially harmful to librarians. Nicole Bigwood, Library Assistant, has agreed to work Wednesdays until her family moves. Char Tracy been hired to replace Ms. Bigwood. Rachel Kercher was accepted into the MPLA Leadership Conference. She will attend May 6-13, 2023. National Library Week is scheduled for April 23-29. Melissa Bakken, Library Director, will submit the Annual Report of the Library to the city Council on April 17, 2023. She presented the visual report to the Board. It nicely visualizes library information. The Library Director's evaluation is due next month.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Loberg, Board Secretary

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 27, 2023 @ 4:00.