

MEETING OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF LA VISTA

MINUTES OF MEETING January 9, 2014

Members Present: Rose Barcal Jill Frederick Huyen-Yen Hoang
 Valerie Russell Kim Schmit-Pokorny Carol Westlund

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Announcement of Location of Posted Open Meetings Act

An announcement was made of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference.

Agenda Item #3: Introductions

There were no introductions made.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2013 Meeting

It was moved by Frederick and seconded by Schmit-Pokorny that the minutes be accepted as presented. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5: Library Director's Report

- a. Programs: an overview of various programs was given including Pre-GED preparation class that will take place beginning in January.
- b. Employee updates were given. The library is currently hosting an undergraduate UNO student for 90 hours.
- c. Library Meetings were reviewed including Project Search which includes an intern position in February, the Directors' meeting and Nebraska Library Association (NLA) and Eastern Library System Board meetings. NLA's Advocacy Day is February 5th in Lincoln.
- d. General Library Information included the Christmas shopping event at Target in December and Nebraska Library Association memberships.

Agenda Item #6: Circulation Report

Library Director Barcal distributed the final circulation report. The report was discussed and accepted. Computer lab use has increase from last year by 670 uses. Two new AWE computers have been added: One is an AfterSchool Edge for older children. Usage will continue to be separated for the two types.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. Current and future grants were reviewed.
 - i) Youth Grant for Excellence 2013 awarded for a 3D printer. This includes teens holding instructional classes for adults and children. Items will be purchased.
 - ii) Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle from Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. This grant was submitted to provide informational programming concerning Civil Rights. This grant was awarded with the display in October 2015.

- iii) Civil War 150: There will be a 3 week exhibit at the Library beginning October 13th through November 3rd in 2014. An open house will be held. The grant included \$1,000 for programming. Committee work continues on programming.
- iv) La Vista Community Foundation: Enhancing Technology and Programming at the La Vista Public Library. Jodi Norton requested \$6,000 and was awarded \$3,000. Technology items will be purchased for storytime.
- v) La Vista Community Foundation: Civil War 150 Exhibition Event. Jan Bolte requested \$500 and was awarded the full amount. This grant will support Civil War programming leading up and during the 3 week exhibit from the Lehrman Institute.
- vi) Eastern Library System: 2013 Children's Service Grant: Parachute Playtime. Jodi Norton requested \$500 for materials for the program and was awarded the same.
- vii) American Library Association: Loleta D. Fyan Grant: GED Class Preparation. Director Barcal requested \$5,000 for this ongoing project. Award has not been announced.
- b. Boards and Commissions Manual. City Administration and staff are reviewing and finalizing the manual.
- c. State Aid Report. This report is currently under construction. A final report will be presented at the March meeting.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Amnesty Days 2014. Discussion was held concerning the Amnesty Days for 2014. It is the Board's interest to maintain the Amnesty Days. It was suggested by Schmit-Pokorny to have the Amnesty Days encompass two weekends: begin on Friday and last for 10 days total, ending on Sunday.
- b. Policy Review: Internet Policy. A discussion was held concerning the Internet Policy. Staff had a grammatical correction only. There were no edits. The policy will be updated.
- c. Meeting Dates: March meeting. Director Barcal asked the Board there wishes for the March meeting as a conflict has occurred. It was the wish of the Board to hold the March meeting on March 6th. City Hall will be notified.

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Floor

There were no comments from the floor.

Agenda Item #10: Comments from the Board

Schmit-Pokorny commented about the banned book, Eleanor & Park, by Rainbow Rowell, a former Nebraskan. This is a book concerning bullying and it ends well. A discussion was held concerning censorship and banning books. Frederick had suggested a banned book program at the library. Brenda Ealey will be presenting this March 22nd. Frederick talked about a book presentation on January 14th for "Have you seen, Mary?" by Jeff Kurrus at Park View Heights. There is a program during the day and an evening program for families.

There was a motion by Schmit-Pokorny and seconded by Frederick to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

The next meeting has been re-scheduled for March 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the La Vista Public Library, Conference Room #142.