

**Ord Township Library
Board Minutes
May 14, 2024**

Call to Order: President Lu Lansman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were trustees: Steve Klimek, Deb Hansen, Emily Reilly, Jill Lane and Kristi Hagstrom, Library Director.

Lu made notice that the Open Meetings Act is posted in its entirety in a three ring binder in glass cabinet by the fireplace.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Jill to accept the agenda. Seconded by Emily. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of May meeting minutes as presented. Moved by Steve, seconded by Deb. All ayes, motion carried.

Financial Reports: Combined balance of the General Fund and Petty Cash for April month end stands at \$14,210. Acceptance of the financial report was moved by Jill and seconded by Deb. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Comments from the Public – None

Old Business

Backyard Renovations – As of the Foundation's annual meeting in April, no formal bids has been submitted. The Foundation is now on hiatus until August.

Summer Reading Program @ YOUR Library – Summer Reading is ready to roll. Registration begins the week of May 20th and camps begin the following week. The unconfirmed date of our pool party is July 2nd. We will also be adding reading challenges for our birth to age 5, teens and adults.

Nebraska Arts Council Grant – We have received final approval to have Carolyn Albracht from Wayne teach an Aging Through the Arts Class on Mondays and Tuesdays in June. Press releases have been sent to the Ord Quiz and KNLV and we have started spreading the word with flyers and social media as well as a paragraph in our newest newsletter.

Potential of Adding a Teen Advisory Council – Tresa has researched the topic and has created an application for teens to apply. The trustees approved proceeding with creating the council.

New Business

Calendar of Events – Other than focusing on Summer Reading and the Art's Program for 55+, there are no other programs planned for the upcoming month.

2024-2025 Budget to the County – Kristi presented the proposed county budget and provided last year's copy as a comparison. This year's budget is a slight decrease from the previous year. Lu questioned the decrease in the salary expense. Kristi explained that the decrease was due to the plan to not hire a librarian position for the upcoming year. The budget will be voted upon at the June board meeting.

Current Strategic Plan Review – The last strategic plan was written in 2019 and many items are outdated. However, our response to the assessment is still current.

Upcoming Library Accreditation 2025 – The new library accreditation will be due in 2025. Kristi reviewed what the accreditation application looks like and where the library stands in the bronze, silver, gold ranking system for the upcoming cycle. We are currently at silver status. The process will begin next January and will need to be completed by October of 2025.

Director's Report – Kristi presented the monthly director's report and it will remain on file with the minutes of the meeting.

Statistical Report – The monthly statistical report was presented.

Approval of Bills – Emily moved and Steve seconded the motion to approve bills for May. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18th @ 5:30.

Adjournment: Steve moved to adjourn at 6:15 pm. Emily seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Emily Reilly, Secretary