

SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
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The agenda for this meeting was posted in public in all Scott County Library System Libraries in accordance with Iowa law. President Kristal Koberg Schaefer called to order the September 25, 2023, meeting of the Scott County Library Board of Trustees at noon at the Eldridge branch.

Board of Trustees present: Chuck Brockmann, Kevin Cahill, Dan True, Niki Wuestenberg, Kristal Koberg Schaefer, Linda Tuftee (zoom), Shelli Engelbrecht (zoom), Angie Ehlers (zoom), and Director Tricia Kane. Christine Barth was also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved by Chuck Brockmann; seconded by Dan True. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Chuck Brockmann moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Kevin Cahill. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes from the 9/25/23 meeting with the Eldridge City Council was moved to approve by Niki Wuestenberg; seconded by Dan True. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Receipts: The Accounts Payable Report for the meeting of Scott County Board of Supervisors for 8/21/23 – 9/18/23 were reviewed and discussed. Chuck Brockmann moved to approve the bills and receipts; seconded by Kevin Cahill. Motion carried.

Review of the Circulation and Budget: There is a slight increase in circulation when compared to the last two years. Program attendance has increased at all branches.

Board Education: Christine Barth briefed us on projects she has been working on this past year. One large project has been a 136-page book entitled, “Building Communities Together,” which came out one month ago. It was written by Nancy Youngbauer and edited by Christine. The book includes photos and stories from North Scott School’s beginning through 2010. It is available for check out now. It can also be purchased from Commercial Printers. Christine explained that she wants libraries to be known as content creators, not just collectors of books.

Other projects completed and made available on line: Cemetery Search, North Scott yearbooks (except past four years due to privacy laws), North Scott Morning Stars, and the North Scott Press.

Director’s Report:

- The annual report for July 2022-June 2023 was distributed to the towns in our service area.
- Tricia is working on a grant application the SCRA to refresh the programming space at the Eldridge branch with child-sized tables, chairs and seating cushions.
- Jacqueline Henessee has been hired in Walcott.

Old Business:

- Visits need to be made to a few council meetings yet.

- After the special meeting on August 28, in Eldridge, Jack Darland and Bill Tubbs approached Tricia about starting a petition showing the support for the library. To date, 1,410 signatures have been gathered and this will be presented at the Eldridge city council meeting on Oct. 2.
- Director's Evaluation was discussed. All board members are very pleased with Tricia's performance and feel extremely fortunate that she is our director.

New Business:

- Behavior Policy – discussion was to add “vaping” to the policy for unacceptable usage. Niki Wuestenberg moved to add, “vaping, smoking, chewing, or other tobacco equivalent is not allowed on library property.” Seconded by Dan True. Motion carried.
- Acceptable Use Policy – includes additional language on printing charges and refers people to Appendix A for fee information. Policy name changed to Internet Acceptable Use Policy to more accurately reflect what the policy covers. Kevin Cahill moved to approve with the changes. Seconded by Nike Wuestenberg. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 23, 2023 at noon, in person at the Scott County Library Eldridge branch.

Niki Wuestenberg moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kevin Cahill. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angie Ehlers