

**MINUTES OF THE YANKTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Wednesday, August 9, 5:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting – GoToMeeting Interface &  
Yankton Community Library Meeting Room, 515 Walnut St. Yankton, SD 57078**

The meeting was called to order by President David Koerner at 5:30 pm. Present were Sue Otterman, Sarah Mechtenberg, Jean Huff, MaryPat Bierle, Yankton City Commissioner Jerry Webber, Library Director Dana Schmidt and Assistant Library Director Linda Dobrovolny. Yankton County Commissioner Ryan Heine attended virtually.

**Approval of July 12, 2023 minutes** Webber made a motion to approve the July 12, 2023 minutes with a second by Huff. Unanimous approval.

**Public Comment Period:** Prior to public comment, President Koerner asked anyone in attendance who wished to address the board to sign in with their name and address. He also announced a three minute time limit per speaker without an option to cede time to others.

Robert Byrnes spoke against sexually themed materials in the library and in opposition of the American Library Association.

Jeffrey Otterman spoke against book banning.

Paul Harens spoke against censorship. Libraries are for everyone.

Lori McGinnis spoke in support of YCL and libraries as a whole.

Liz Healy spoke in support of YCL and against censorship and intolerance.

Eugene Hornstra spoke in support of previous speakers and in support of YCL.

Dennis Menke thanked YCL staff for service. He encouraged those present to reach out to elected officials about the need for more space at the library.

Matthew Marzolf introduced himself as a new resident of Yankton and spoke in support of YCL.

Lauren Gillis voiced appreciation for the pride display.

**Discussion of bills/Accept Financial Report:** Schmidt noted an update to the financial report format as a result of bills now being paid twice per month. Lisa Yardley, deputy finance officer, plans to be present at next meeting to give further information. Webber made a motion to accept financial report with a second by Bierle. Unanimous approval.

**Communications and correspondence:** Schmidt shared a note of appreciation for staff assistance with memorial book selection.

**Director's Report:** In addition to the written report, Schmidt noted progress on the hiring of several part time staff. She also praised the staff for the variety of programs offered over the summer highlighting the theme "All Together Now" which focused on friendship, unity and kindness. She noted some upcoming events including a partnership with Horizon Health Care to assist patrons with Medicaid expansion sign-up and an author visit/storytime with a dental care theme.

**New Business**

- **Summer Reading Summary:** Schmidt shared statistics and a video.

- **Proctor Policy:** Bierle made a motion to approved the proctor policy with suggested changes with a second by Webber. Unanimous approval.

**Other Business:** Huff brought up the possibility of having lines painted in the adjacent parking spot on the driver's side of the present handicapped parking space to provide access for individuals entering and exiting their vehicles. Schmidt will follow up with city staff .

**Public Comment Period:** no comments

**Adjourn the meeting of August 9, 2023:** Mechtenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 with a second by Huff. Unanimous approval.