

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016; 8:00 AM  
BOARD ROOM, BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
136 S 14TH STREET, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy McKillip, Herb Schimek, Lowell Berg, Martha Florence, Carol Speicher, Donna Marvin, Herb Friedman, County Liaison Marcy Baker. Absent: None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pat Leach, Library Director; Julee Hector, Assistant Library Director; Paul Jones, Accountant; Barbara Hansen, Administrative Aide; Julie Beno, Bennett Martin Public Library Manager; Vicki Clarke, Walt Branch Librarian; Brenda Ealey, Gere Branch Manager; Jodene Glaesemann, Walt Branch Manager; Rebecca Hueske, Bookmobile Library Service Supervisor; Peter Jorgensen, Virtual Services Manager; Kathryn Kelley, Bennett Martin Public Library Librarian; Katie Murtha, Bennett Martin Public Library Librarian; Kim Shelley, Anderson Branch Manager; Tammy Teasley, Support Services Coordinator; Vicki Wood, Youth Services Coordinator; Denise Pearce, Mayor's Office; Gail McNair, Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by President Friedman. It was announced the Open Meetings Law was posted and available for inspection.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The Agenda/Meeting Notice was posted according to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska. McKillip moved to approve the agenda as posted. Second by Berg. Roll Call Vote: Berg, Florence, Friedman, Marvin, McKillip, Schimek, Speicher - aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 19, 2016, MEETING MINUTES:** Marvin moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016, meeting as distributed. Second by Schimek. Roll Call Vote: Florence, Friedman, Marvin, Schimek, Speicher, Berg - aye; McKillip - abstain. Motion carried 6-0.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Central Library Committee:** No report.

**Central Library Marketing Committee:** Florence reported the committee met on May 16 to review strategies and work accomplished thus far. Until a firm project has been identified the committee will suspend meeting and will communicate via email. Currently, the task of the committee is to promote the idea of a new library.

**Central Library Initiative Committee:** No report.

**Foundation Executive Director:** McNair reported that over 200 tickets to the Wine and E event were sold with 180 attending. Give to Lincoln Day is Thursday, May 26th. Online donations are encouraged but McNair would be glad to collect checks or cash and deliver them to the Community Foundation. This year library proceeds will be used to establish/enhance children's discovery centers within the libraries. Coffee on the Dock at The Mill in the Haymarket will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th, at 8:30 a.m. The One Book - One

Lincoln 2016 selected title and finalists will be announced at 10:30 a.m. Dan and Tamara Sloan donate the site, staff, and coffee proceeds to the Foundation.

**Lincoln Cares:** Leach announced that Lincoln Cares will be hosting a news conference on May 26, at 10 a.m. in Peterson Park. All are welcome to attend.

**One Book - One Lincoln:** Marvin reported that the announcement of the 2016 title will take place on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Foundation event on the dock of The Mill.

**Technology:** None

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Review of Board Appointment Process:** Leach reported that Donna Marvin's term is complete as of August 31, 2016. She is eligible for reappointment due to the fact that she was appointed to fill out someone else's term. Marvin has indicated that she is interested in being reappointed. Leach will contact the City Council with that information and ask how it would like to proceed.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Summer Reading Program Reports -** Kathryn Kelley, Bennett Martin Public Library Librarian, and Vicki Wood, Youth Services Coordinator provided information about the 2016 children's teen, and adult summer programs. New this year is the online registration and tracking

**PLA Reports -** Julee Hector, Kim Shelley, Jodene Glaesemann, Vicki Wood, Brenda Ealey, Katie Murtha, Vicki Clarke, Rebecca Hueske, Julie Beno, and Barbara Hansen made brief presentations on the impact of attending the 2016 Public Library Association conference in Denver in April 2016. Leach reported that this is one of the premiere conferences for public librarians. State funding allowed staff to attend. Berg encouraged the Board to continue to find funding to support staff attendance at conferences.

Leach reported that the Mayor's office will be doing another survey on outcome based budgeting. The central library project is included in the survey.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tana Pegeler, Waverly, Nebraska, is a regular user of the library and asked to address the Board on two issues in which she feels the library is defeating its purpose. Those being discriminating against families and unfair business practices against patrons.

Pegeler noted that the high cost of library fines is keeping families away. She said fines are unreasonable and unfair, and polices are alienating customers. She would like to see fines rolled back to 15 cents for kids, for youth books, and a clear policy developed regarding turning accounts over to collections.

McKillip announced work is being done to celebrate Nebraska's Sesquicentennial with NE150 Foundation. Lincoln City Libraries Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors has been work with the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association to develop the Nebraska 150 Book List.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Schimek moved the meeting go into closed session at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Central Library project strategy. Second by Florence. Roll Call Vote: Marvin, McKillip, Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence, Friedman - aye. Motion carried 7-0.

The President announced the meeting was going into closed session for the purpose of discussing strategy for the Central Library Project. Library Director Pat Leach and Foundation Executive Director Gail McNair were asked to attend.

Berg moved to return to open session at 9:30 a.m. Second by McKillip. Roll Call Vote: McKillip, Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence, Friedman, Marvin - aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.