LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022; 8:00 AM  
BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA  

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT  
Lisa Hale, Dan Sloan, Lowell Berg, Donna Marvin, Rhonda Seacrest, Joe Shaw, Jackie Ostrowicki, County Liaison Nichole Bogen. A quorum was present.  

OTHERS PRESENT  
Pat Leach, Library Director; Traci Glass, Assistant Library Director; Barbara Hansen, Administrative Aide; Paul Jones, Accountant; Gail McNair, Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Executive Director; Jocelyn Golden, Assistant City Attorney; Kim Shelley, Anderson Branch Manager; Tina Queen, Office Specialist; Heath Gewecke, Office Specialist  

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT  
President Dan Sloan called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and announced the Open Meetings Law was posted and available for review.  

APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
The Agenda/Meeting Notice was posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Berg moved approval of the agenda as posted. Second by Hale. Roll Call Vote: Berg, Hale, Marvin, Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan – aye; Ostrowicki – absent. Motion carried 6-0.  

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS  
No public comment.  
(Ostrowicki arrived at this time.)  

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2022, MEETING MINUTES  
Hale moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022, meeting as distributed. Second by Shaw. Roll Call Vote: Hale, Ostrowicki, Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan – aye; Marvin, Berg – abstain; Motion carried 5-0.  

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022, MEETING MINUTES  
Berg moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting as distributed. Second by Ostrowicki. Roll Call Vote: Sloan, Berg, Hale, Marvin, Ostrowicki – aye; Seacrest, Shaw – abstain; Motion carried 5-0.  

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS  
Committee on Administration: No report.  
Committee on Buildings & Grounds: No report.  
Committee on Finance: Marvin reported on the Recap of Expenditures for February 2022 listing claims in the amount of $860,363.94 from all funds. Shaw moved approval of the report and payment of all claims. Second by Ostrowicki. Roll Call Vote: Marvin, Ostrowicki, Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan, Berg, Hale – aye; Motion carried 7-0.
SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Library: In the news – There is a campaign to raise funds to restore the Pershing mosaic. The White Lotus Group presented to the Capital Environs Group what they intend to do with the Pershing block. They first intend to develop only the east side.

Foundation Board Executive Director: McNair is meeting with Brandon Bayer to finalize the contract for developing a messaging campaign. Work is anticipated to start in May and end in early Fall. Wine and Dine will be at Wilderness Ridge on April 28. Donations are still being accepted. As far as the book sale, it will have to be on a non-football weekend so people are available to work and shop so there may be issues with booking the Lancaster Event Center. The Book Nook proceeds totaled $1500.00. Michelle has turned in her resignation. She will be working for the Foundation’s accounting firm.

Brandon Bayer’s work will be to create a plan based on community input and information that has been put together thus far. The product will be informational going forward and looking toward potential bond issues. The Communications Committee/Central Library Committee will be part of this. Messaging will need to be finalized first. There are some things that can be done communication wise on a quarterly basis to keep the community engaged. Should the Library lobby for a weekly column? A need to keep the library in the public eye is necessary. It was mentioned about adding cost savings to apps/downloadables – not just printable receipts. It would be good to add this to the annual report as well.

One Book - One Lincoln: Ostrowicki reported that the meeting this week will be to narrow the selection from 20 down to ten books. There will be one more meeting in April to narrow it down to the top three. The top ten will be announced after the top three are announced.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Volunteer Report: Kim Shelley reported that the volunteer numbers are lower due to eliminating volunteers in 2020, due to the pandemic and adding/automating Beanstack, which provides software for the Summer Reading Program. Volunteer applications continue to come in. Once volunteers start, they tend to stay for many years. The annual volunteer recognition will be held at the College View Church on April 24 with the Mayor presenting.

Adoption of Volunteer Proclamation: Leach read the volunteer proclamation. Seacrest moved to approve the volunteer proclamation. Second by Marvin. Roll Call Vote: Shaw, Sloan, Berg, Hale, Marvin, Ostrowicki, Seacrest – aye; Motion carried 7-0.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Sloan read a Resolution of Appreciation to Barbara Hansen for her years of service to the Board and Lincoln City Libraries on the occasion of her retirement. Motion carried 7-0.

ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- The Community Crops agreement will go through the first reading on the City Council agenda on the 21st with public discussion and vote on the 28th. Leach and Glass will attend on the 28th to address any questions.
- A new Library Service Supervisor, Rio Beranek, was hired. She currently works at Bennett Martin Library.
• Glass and Heath Gewecke are working on finalizing job postings for the Nebraska Library Commission interns and summer temporary workers, to update interview questions for the applicants, many of whom have never had job experience before.
• Glass has been working with Jocelyn Golden in the City Attorney’s office to update the ConnectEd agreement that has expired. ConnectEd allows all Lincoln Public Schools students to have a Lincoln City Libraries account.
• Glass has been meeting with Palette and Lincoln Calling to put a mural on the side of Bennett Martin Library. One artist has been selected for the Board’s approval. His name is Nolan Tredway, and he is from Lincoln. Glass showed two draft murals to the Board. The second one is the one that will be put forward for approval at the next Board meeting. The painting process will begin in August. A comment was made that the mural should be lit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
• Libraries are back to in-person programming.
• The Nebraska Library Association held their annual advocacy day where librarians across the state get together and visit legislators and acknowledge efforts for the Nebraska Library Commission as well as other bills. There is a bill, LB 1213, that addresses electronic databases that schools and libraries provide to students. There is a concern about students getting into inappropriate sites via such resources.
• Leach and Glass attended a UNL Architecture 411 class who are designing a prototype for a potential branch library at Jensen Park.
• The libraries will now be distribution sites for at-home covid test kits.
• Presentations this month – Northwest Kiwanis Club, The Forum and All About Books.

Leach invited Barbara Hansen to talk about her time over the years at the Library. She thanked everyone for their good work and service.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.