

GARNETT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 6th, 2017

Present: Betts Abraham, Jennifer Sibley, Linda Huettenmueller, Carrie Rulon, and Steve Markham. Also present: Andrea Sobba, head librarian. Absent: Mike Hermann

- I. Secretary's Report – Minutes from the 10/2/17 meeting were approved (Abraham/Huettenmueller)
- II. Treasurer's Report – The Gifts and Memorials account earned \$1.46 in interest. Statements for both library accounts (G&M and SEK) were available for reconciliation.
- III. Payment of bills was approved (Abraham/Rulon).
- IV. Librarian Sobba presented her report. The usual statistics were boosted by the *Celebrate the Book* reading festival and related presentations for local children and adults.
- V. The August minutes from the Walker Art Committee were received. The committee accepted a donation of 25 artworks from Robert Cugno, organized a showing of the work of photographer Karyn Sullivan, and voted to suspend the juried art show for a year's time.
- VI.
 - A. The library tote bag project is complete. Designed by Connie Fagg, the bags are a russet red canvas with ivory print and handles. An open book motif adorns the side. Tote bags will be sold near cost. Those donating a specified amount to FOL may receive a free tote bag.
 - B. The Holiday Homes tour will take place on Saturday, 12/3/17. Participating home owners this year are Bernie & Michelle Rockers, Stacy & John Crane, and George & Cheryl Miller. St. Boniface in Scipio will be the featured church.
- VII.
 - A. City Manager Chris Weiner had informed Andrea that the City would cover \$1071.00 of the \$4000 increase in building insurance costs. Andrea reported that this amount is now reflect in the current expense report from the City.
 - B. Library policy X: *Internet Access Policy* was reviewed by the Board. Under item 5: *Objectionable material*, the following was added per the advice of SEK Library System Director Roger Carswell: "The purpose of this policy is to restrict access to those materials which are child pornography, harmful to minors or obscene". The change was approved (Abraham/Sibley).
 - C. The Reading Festival was held Saturday, October 21st at GES. Attendance was 340, double that of the first festival in 2016. The Paw Patrol characters were a big draw but Andrea would like to see an increase in the numbers attending the sessions targeting adults. Author & illustrator Lindsey Yankee presented to students at GES and ACJSHS. Andrea welcomes any suggestions for future festivals.
 - D. The painting of the children's section was completed by Mike Wawrzewski and Ron Anderegg. Costs will be covered by Gifts & Memorials funds as previously approved (\$210 in labor/\$70 for paint).
 - E. Scott Rogers will wash the library windows prior to the Holiday Homes tour. Andrea will cover the \$500 fee with funds from a remaining line item.
 - F. *Taste of the Holidays* will be held in the Archer Room on Wednesday, 12/13/17 from 11:30-1:30 PM. A light lunch and holiday music will be available as a thank you to patrons.
- VIII.
 - A. After attending the Kansas Library Conference, Andrea has been inspired to emphasize the role of libraries in providing indispensable ongoing educational opportunities for all ages. To add to these opportunities, Katy will be visiting the Osawatomie library to see how the teen programming there is using STEM. She will also be researching how to create breakout rooms with cardboard boxes.
 - B. Upcoming library events include: Remember When Wednesday, 11/08/17, 10AM; Caffeine and Colors, 11/15/17 at 1PM; Kansas Reads to Preschoolers the week of 11/13/17; Book Cart Drill Team return appearance in the Christmas parade 11/25/17.
- F. The next meeting will be held Monday, 12/04/17 at 5:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned (Abraham/Rulon)
Submitted by Jennifer Sibley, Secretary