**MINUTES**

**Eldora Public Library Board of Trustees**

**February 25, 2020**

PRESENT: Jerry Trittien, Jill Stanish, Joe Herring, Joan Grothoff

MINUTES were approved. BILLS were approved.

Director’s Report

* Joan and Sarah read at ENP Elementary for World Read Aloud Day. Two classes also came to the library.
* $1300 was raised at the Imagination Library fundraiser brunch.
* Fifteen attended the Friendship Party on February 15 (several others could not attend due to illness).
* Blind Date with a Book was a success. Drawing will be held at the end of the month.
* Most performers have been planned for the Summer Reading Program thanks to funding from the Friends
* Future of Tiger P.A.C.K still unknown. Library will continue to reach out to the elementary school and daycares.
* One of the emptied shelves in teen area will be used to store activities geared for teens. A shelf will be made to serve as counter for teen computer stations (with stools).
* Upcoming events for March include:
  + **March 3rd** Doug Shaw –Social Nonsense Presentation
  + **March 6th** Teen Oreo Tasting Challenge; includes drawing for a Hy-Vee gift card
  + **March 6th -7th** Friends of the Library Book Sale; following week books available for free will donation
  + **Week of March 16-20** Spring Break Activities being planned
  + **March 25** Kathy Wilson presentation on Women’s Right to Vote (10:30am-12:00pm)

Old Business

* Study rooms have been completed and are already being used. Waiting for electrician to move thermostat.
* Finance Committee removed $6000 from library 2020-2021 budget; Joan has not heard back from city
* Joan will find out in March whether the library will be awarded a Barlow Grant. Joan is also waiting to hear about results for a STEM grant
* Kids Matter Conference in April will hopefully be attended by the new Children’s Librarian.

New Business

* Due to her husband’s job transfer, Sarah Odem resigned as the Children’s Librarian. Her last day will be February 26. The job opening was posted online.
* Joan received several applicants for the Children’s Librarian Position; she talked with the Personnel Committee and interviewed two equally qualified candidates. After the interviews, one candidate removed herself from consideration. Board approved Joan’s request to offer the job to the other candidate.
* Joan will be out of town March 16-21. Susan will cover Monday through Friday that week. Board approved shortened hours on Saturday, March 21 of 9am-12pm.
* During the staff transition, Joan requested that the library close at 6pm on Mondays in March. Board approved that change for the month of March.
* Discussed the possibility of using Nancy Miller (ENP Elementary Librarian) as a substitute at the library. Board approved using a substitute as needed at the hourly rate of $10. Nancy is available to help during Spring Break and over the summer.
* Due to Joan’s scheduled foot surgery on Monday, March 30, the Board approved moving the March Board Meeting back one week to the 4th Tuesday.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 5:00pm.