

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Yankton Community
Library Building Task Force**

April 28, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Library meeting room

Chair David Koerner called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Present were Task Force members Dick Anderson, Jane Bobzin, Kim Conlin, Jim Cope, David Leonard, and Kathryn Reimler. Also present were Architect Jim Schramm and Library Director Kathy Jacobs.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Bobzin and second by Conlin to accept the March meeting minutes. Unanimous approval.

Director's Report:

Jacobs added the following information to her report:

- There is one remaining focus group. It will take place tomorrow evening. Attendance and lack of RSVP response was disappointing, worrisome and frustrating. Attendance numbers were given and discussed.
- An e-mail from City Finance Officer Al Viereck was read solving the mystery of the funding of the current building. It stated, "The vote was back in April of 1966...it was to authorize the special mil levy...then they just began saving the money in a capital reserve fund until actual construction..."

"What I've found so far is that the City Commission passed a resolution to create a special mil levy not to exceed two mils on March 14, 1966 at which time they also authorized an election that April for the City residents to vote on it. April's election results were 645-For and 447-Against. Thus began an annual levy to be put in a building fund. At the end of 1970 they had built up a fund of a little over \$170,000 and in 1971 began the process of final plans and construction of the "new library". The annual levy accounted for approximately \$66,000 beginning in 1968 and increasing to approximately \$92,000 in its final year of the 1973 levy payable in 1974. The grand opening was sometime in February, 1974, and the levy was ended after that year. I believe the SDCL authorizing this levy was part of SDCL 14-4 MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES, which was repealed by the legislature in 1976."

Old Business:

Focus Groups:

General discussion was held about the focus groups and what the lack of participation means. It was the consensus that we are heading in the right direction and our education piece is next after we get the compiled information back from Planning & Development District III. We will keep the web survey live until May 22.

Parking:

Schramm reported that he has contacted the City and learned the following: this is zoned R4 multi-family and requires residential front yard setbacks of 25 feet on each side, north and east. We currently have 33 feet on the north side from our property line to the building, which give us eight extra feet. Were we to pursue this, we would need a conditional use permit from the City. Mingo stated that, in all likelihood, Planning and Zoning would not recommend that the City Commission grant the permit.

New Business:**Marketing Strategies:**

Jacobs stated that one of the focus groups addressed marketing strategies and she was going to act on several of their suggestions as to how to get program information out to families with young children. Once District III has our information compiled, we will discuss marketing strategies with them. This will remain an agenda item.

Other Business:**Pulscher Resignation:**

Robert Pulscher resigned from the Task Force as he is moving out of the area. Task Force members are to think of other people to submit as possible new members.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. by Cope; second by Anderson.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Jacobs, Library Director