

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Yankton Community Library Board of
Trustees and Building Task Force**

February 12, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Library meeting room

Library Board President Carol Hamvas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Library Board members Dores, Allan, Jane Bobzin, and Allen Sinclair; Task Force members present were Kim Conlin, Galen Goeden, Craig Kennedy, Robert Pulscher, and David E. Thompson. Absent were Board members Terre Berkland, Alicia Cornemann and David Knoff. Task Force members absent were Dick Anderson, David Koerner, and Lori Rust. Also present were Library Director Kathy Jacobs and David Leonard, KYNT.

There were no additions to the agenda.

New Business:

Hamvas welcomed the Task Force members and began the meeting with introductions. She then explained the purpose of the task force.

Jacobs gave a synopsis of the three building retreats the Board held in the fall of 2008. She also presented the results of three surveys taken at the library.

A discussion followed on the possibility of using the current library and adding a second story. The issue of the current parking situation followed with questions about City ordinances in regard to off-street parking and other options that need to be considered. The mall was added as a possible location.

Pulscher requested permission to approach Dave Mingo, City Planning and Zoning Director, to discuss parking. He also suggested visiting with City Administrator Doug Russell, asking if there were funds available from the City to bring in an architect who could tell us whether or not it is possible/ feasible to add a second story to the current building. Consensus of the group was that this was a good idea.

The task force requested the following information from Jacobs: a wish list that would alleviate current problems at the library, industry standards for libraries, circulation and use statistics.

A letter from Tom Brokaw was read by Jacobs. The Board had written to Brokaw asking if he would like to house his archives in a new library building. While Brokaw is willing to lend "a representative collection" of memorabilia to the library, he is not ready to decide what to do with his archives. Goeden questioned whether there was money to purchase a cabinet where the

collection might be housed so that the library could take it now rather than later. Jacobs will provide the trust fund balance at the next meeting.

The question was posed whether the Board had looked at other libraries, in particular, the Watertown Public Library, the Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library, the Hamann Memorial Library, and the Huron Public Library. Jacobs responded that the Board has not made “a road trip” yet but one would be planned in the future when it was determined that the community was ready to move forward with a building project of some type.

Jacobs discussed “What’s next?” by explaining a community needs assessment and ways in which the information can be gathered.

The task force will meet on Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m., at the library.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Jacobs, Library Director