

**YANKTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2024 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting – GoToMeeting Interface &
Yankton Community Library Meeting Room, 515 Walnut St. Yankton, SD 57078**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President David Koerner at 5:30 pm. Present were MaryPat Bierle, Meg Severson, Nathan Johnson, Sarah Mechtenberg, Yankton City Commissioner Jerry Webber, Yankton County Commissioner Ryan Heine, Library Director Dana Schmidt and Assistant Director Linda Dobrovolny.

Approval of December 11, 2024 minutes: Webber made a motion to approve the December 11, 2024 minutes with a second by Johnson. Unanimous approval.

Public Comment Period

- Schmidt discussed the impact of potential State Library budget cuts on YCL and other libraries in South Dakota. Community members Becky Ver Huel, Jason Heron, Tonya Ferrell, Liz Boyden and Tim Linke spoke in opposition of the cuts. Kelly Naminga, Evelyn Lang Library in Springfield, SD shared her experience with the State Library and spoke in opposition of the proposed cuts. Board members Johnson, Mechtenberg and Bierle voiced their objection to the proposed cuts.
- District 19 Legislators Mike Stevens and Lauren Nelson were present. They thanked the audience members for their input and encouraged further communication with the Legislature.

Discussion of bills/Accept Financial Report: No action was taken as year end reports from Finance are still in progress.

Communications and correspondence: Schmidt shared thank you notes from two patrons, one of whom receives outreach services. She shared an update on the outreach program that reaches 45 to 50 homebound patrons each month.

Director's Report: In addition to the written report, Schmidt noted that year end and 2023 comparison circulation and program statistics were included in the current packet. Bierle suggested that stats be shared regularly with media contacts, Friends of YCL and the YCL Foundation. Schmidt also highlighted two upcoming programs: Big Nerd Weekend which will include roleplay games and a 3D printing demonstration and Embrace the Chill that will spotlight activities to do during the winter months in Yankton. Numerous organizations will discuss their cold months activity offerings.

Bierle left at 6:40.

Old Business: None

New Business

- Damaged and Lost Items Policy: Johnson motioned to approved with presented changes. Mechtenberg seconded. Unanimous approval.

Other Business:

- Foundation update: Johnson noted that discussions regarding project timelines are in progress.

Adjourn the meeting of January 8, 2025: Webber made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm with a second by Johnson. Unanimous approval.