**Custer County Library Foundation**

**Meeting Minutes June 24, 2021**

**Call to Order:** The Custer County Library Foundation (CCLF) Council meeting was called to order Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 1:20 P.M. by President Rose Kor. Foundation Members also in attendance were Katherine Wakefield, Kim Canete, and Doris Ann Mertz. This meeting took place at the Hermosa Library. Prior to calling to order, Doris Ann took members on a tour of the library including the meeting room downstairs and the storage of the books for sale in the basement.

**Agenda Review:**  President Kor presented the agenda for the meeting.

**Minutes of March 18, 2021, Meeting:** The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed on-line, and presented at the meeting. They were approved and placed on file.

**Treasurer's Report:**

* **Checking Account:** The checking account schedule presented at the meeting was dated 6/19/21 with an ending balance of $6.511.70. Since the last meeting there have been two checks written;
  + #1135 to Vector Design and
  + #1136 to W&E Baum.

The 2021 deposits since the last meeting total $1,090.58

See the attached Checking Account spreadsheet for the detail of deposits from the following sources.

* PayPal $150 less $4.20 fee-Kristy Ward
* Memberships $0
* Amazon Smile Foundation $44.78
* Donations $900-Coffin, Williams, Ashmore and Ryan. Thank you letters/cards have been
* **Edward Jones Investments:** The ending balance for May 28, 2021, is $276,106. Change in value for the year to date is an increase of $14,332 (5.56%). Year total fees of $799 have been subtracted in the calculation of the stated increased amount. Cash or cash equivalents are 9% of total investments which meets the requirement of the investment policy stated to be at least 5%. The statements at June ending were not available for this meeting.
* **Discussion:** The Treasure’s report was accepted. There were no changes recommended for the investment plan.

**Library Board and Librarian Report:**

* Summer Programs: May 21 – July 28
  + Custer State Park, the Library, and the YMCA work together to present a program every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the YMCA for the elementary children.
  + Every Tuesdays at 1 p.m. there is a program at the library.
  + Every other Thursday there is a teen program at the library.
  + Alternating Thursdays, the YMCA brings children to the library to select prizes and to find books.
  + Take and make kits are available by request.
* COVID changes:
  + Programs are now taking place at the library usually in the Pine Room or outside. Custer State Park programs are often outside.
  + No longer time-limits to visits or number of people at a time.
  + Pre-COVID time limits on the computer use.
  + Plastic dividers are still in use. Sanitizer is still in place. Special cleaning steps have been reduced.
* State Library ARPA Grant of $15,000: This was used for technology purchases at both the Custer and the Hermosa Libraries to meet the criteria in the approved technology plan. This included items such as cordless scanners, a new sonic wall, end of life network equipment replacements, laptops, and iPads. Reimbursements will be made after receipts for approved purchases are submitted. Doris Ann hopes to complete all purchases and reimbursements prior to the end of the year.
* The library (not the foundation) received a $1,000 donation from the Lintz family in the name of JoAn Lintz. This is designated to be used in the Hermosa Library to update the children’s area. The members discussed some ideas for this and will consider providing additional dollars as needed to accomplish a concept.
* Doris Ann is representing the library in a new group forming regarding early learning and care in the Custer Community. Rose Kor is also involved as a coordinator of the group. The National League of Cities and the Pew Charitable Trust are providing guidance to increase the focus locally on policy and action for early care and education. The group is running a scavenger hunt over the weekend of the 4th of July. The first step in their data gathering or research is a survey that is completed by interested parties – those who could use more resources and those interested in providing more tools. The survey is being used to gather the information for a basis of determining needs in the community. This may result in grants directed to states, cities or counties.
* The Link to early learner’s survey is: <https://progressratingtool.earlylearningnation.com/VB59rq>
* Facebook for Custer Area Early Learners:  <https://www.facebook.com/CusterEarlyLife/>

Website for Early Leaners South Dakota:  <https://www.earlylearnersd.org/>

**Unfinished Business**

* **Follow up on newsletter:**
* We will work on an outline at the next meeting.
* May want to include information about how to participate in the Amazon Smile program to benefit the library.
* May include the link for the Early Learning Survey and / or information about the concept or purpose.

**New Business**

* **Open house for new addition:** 
  + Probably October
  + Would like to invite the County Commissioners for the official walk through and a ribbon cutting. This might be on a commissioner’s meeting day to be after their meeting. Doris Ann is going to inquire about their interest and availability.
  + The open house could be during library hours the same day. We could invite the city council to the open house.
  + Food not determined but cookies and punch were discussed.
  + More details to be determined in future meetings.
* **Custer Fair in Hermosa will be August 12-15, 2021.** 
  + At the August 5 meeting, we will discuss a schedule of those who may be able to volunteer to help with the Hermosa Library book sale.

**Future Meeting:**

Next Meeting will be August 5, 2021, at 1:00 at the Custer Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 P.M.

Katherine Wakefield

Secretary/Treasurer

Attachments: Agenda, Checking Account and Investment Spreadsheets.