

**Custer County Library Board
Minutes**

February 19, 2025

Custer County Library

The Custer County Library Board of Trustees met at 12:59 p.m. on Wednesday February 19th, 2025, at the Custer Library. Persons in attendance were Library Director Sarah Myers, County liaison Mark Hartman, Katie Wiederholt, Cheryl Dillon, Kibbon Rittberger, and Susan Swindal. Attending via Zoom were Hermosa branch manager Bert Phillip and Leo Van Sambeek.

AGENDA CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

No changes or corrections to the agenda.

MINUTES

- ❖ **January 15th, 2024 Board Minutes:** *Katie made a motion to approve the January Board minutes. Susan seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT: *The Board reviewed the January financials for the Library's General checking account. The Board also reviewed the January financials for the County Ledgers. Kibbon motioned to accept the financials, Susan seconded, and the motion carried.*

- ❖ **GENERAL CHECKING:** Balance of \$21,403.12 as of February 14th
- ❖ **COUNTY SPREAD SHEET:** Balance \$303,849.48 as of January 31st 92.18% of budget

LIBRARIAN REPORT: *The Librarian Report is attached to and is part of this month's minutes.*

- ❖ Director Meeting Updates
- ❖ Legislative Updates
- ❖ Programming Updates

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ No previous business to conduct.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ **2024 Public Library Survey-** *Sarah reviewed the Public Library Survey results for 2024. This is an overview of library usage of both Hermosa and Custer combined. Infographic was provided to illustrate statistics of usage of the library. PowerPoint was provided showing what income and expenses, as well as a breakdown of Custer and Hermosa individually of usage and circulation stats. Kibbon made a motion to approve the provided presentation to fulfill the requirement of board approval to the state library. Sarah will next present to the commission in March. See attached.*
- ❖ **Strategic Plan Updates-** *Sarah gave an update on the tasks that have been accomplished toward the Strategic Plan. Any issues will be communicated with the board. See attached for a breakdown.*
- ❖ **Marco Printing Breakdown-** *Sarah provided the cost and usage of the Marco for our printing service. When factoring in income received from patrons from printer services versus the payments made to Marco, the cost of doing business was discussed. See attached for details.*
- ❖ **Board Meeting Location-** *Cheryl requested for the consideration of changing dates that we meet for board meetings. For 2025 we are scheduled not to meet in June, and Cheryl requested to meet that month and not meet in August due to the travel issues with summer traffic and*

motorcycle rally traffic. Katie made the motion to meet in June and not in August in 2025. The location would remain the same for meeting in Custer. Kibbon seconded the motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ *“Free for All” SDPB Film Screening at Custer County Library Feb 26th 6:00pm*
- ❖ *Family Resource Fair- March 8th 10am-2pm*
- ❖ *Seed Library Open House- March 19th 6pm*
- ❖ *Black Hills Mini Conference- Save the Date April 28th*
- ❖ *Updates for Hermosa- Bert reported purchasing new toys for her children section which have been a big hit at story time.*
- ❖ *Kibbon mentioned kudos to the interlibrary loan system we are a part of. His wife was able to get a craft book that was brought in from another library (and then that title was purchased by the Hermosa library) and she was able to use the book to make some fantastic crafts.*

NEXT MEETING: *March 19th 1:00PM at the Custer County Library*

ADJOURNMENT: *Kibbon made the motion to adjourn with Katie as second. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.*



Sarah Myers
Secretary/Treasurer

February Director Report

Jan/Feb Director Meetings Updates

- ***Innovative Nonprofit Sustainable Teams-*** Cheryl and Sari were able to attend with me for this workshop. Great information and some trustee training were earned. There is an opportunity for me to do their leadership training that is a 5-month committee with 50 hours of committed time towards the program. I am trying to decide the opportunity in an area I am interested in vs work life balance.
- ***Annual Statistics-*** Public Library Survey is complete and submitted I just need to present the numbers to the library board and then the commissioners. I plan to present an annual report to them on 3/5

Legislative Updates

- ***Pierre Trip-*** I was able to attend the 2/4 hearing of the appropriations committee regarding the department of education and their proposed budget. The Sec of the Department gave an annual report type presentation and then gave his recommendations. Fellow librarians were able to give testimony of the affect that would happen if the budget goes through. Individual were able to come up and “Me Too” the testimony and I stepped up and did so. No action as taken.
 - *On 2/5 there was a House Education hearing on HB1041. I recommend people to listen to the proceedings. The Dept of Ed. Gave their rational for the budget cuts and the bill to support that. Again, librarians and supporters could give testimony again the House Bill. The committee moved to move the bill to appropriations with a Do Not Pass recommendation.*
 - *The war is not over yet. We need to continue to contact our legislators, as this will most likely come before them.*
- ***HB 1239-*** There is another bill introduced that will affect librarians and the school. There will be no immunity for schools, libraries, and museums for workers that are charged with “disseminating materials harmful to minors.” SDLA is requesting for testimonies to the effects this bill will have.

Programming Updates

- *We have had out first technology class at the Senior Center. Apple mobile devices. 16 attendants in total. This helps meet our requirement of 30 individuals reached. 14/30. Our next class will be 2/20 on Android mobile devices. In March we will do Windows and Mac classes.*