

# WOODRUFF MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES Monday – February 10, 2025

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

HOLT, Sara – Chairperson  
MEIER, Michael – Vice Chairperson  
WORLEY, Julie - Secretary  
SMALLING, Terry

### ONE BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Heather Maes – Library Director

Meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Chairperson Holt. We were glad to welcome Michael back to the Board after an absence the last couple of months, and wish him good health. There was no audience . Present.

- Minutes of the January 13, 2025 Meeting were approved as submitted.
- Monthly Director's Report
  - Heather reported that the new Saturday hours of 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., which began on January 4, 2025, seem to be working out pretty well.
  - The partnership with Bent's Old Fort continues with the Fort using the Library in which to host their "Stories From the Borderlands" series each month. Due to a session being missed in January, 2025, there will be one session held in February, and two (2) sessions held in March, 2025.
  - Talks continue between the CSU Extension Service and the Library to partner in hosting programming at the Library on workforce, tech literacy, ESL, health, and year-round reading programs. Julie also suggested that they explore youth entrepreneurship as a possible program – as Nebraska Extension Service already has that program developed.
  - The Winter Adults Reading Program (WARP) is underway, beginning on February 1, and continuing through March 31, 2025. The theme this year is "Libraries are Life" – and some fun events are planned.
  - La Junta will welcome the new City Manager, Michael Hart, who will begin his job on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.
  - The fingerprint activity that the Library administers brought in \$28 in January, 2025.
  - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Colorado program continues to be very popular, with 472 young "readers" registered and receiving a free book each month. With the OB Unit at AVRMC closing, Heather is concerned as to how she will get information about the newborn babies in order to offer the Mothers the opportunity to sign their baby up to receive the books.

There was brief discussion on individuals who have expressed interest in filling the vacant position on the Advisory Board. It is hopeful that we might have the vacancy filled by the March, 2025 meeting.

There was no other business to come before the Board and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2025, and the new City Manager is scheduled to be present. Heather will provide lunch for the meeting that day.

Julie Worley, Secretary