

South Dakota State Library Board

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
October 8, 2020 at 1:30 pm CT
Video Conference Call
MacKay Building, Library Commons
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

REGULAR MEETING

- Members Present** Tom Nelson, Jane Norling, Monte Loos, Natalie Anderson, Judy Trzynka, and Carol Twedt
- Members Absent** Jay Perry
- Others Present** Kathleen Slocum, Laura Kelly, Sarah Easter, Josh Easter, Wynne Sayer, Alissa Adams, Connie Sullivan, Barb Nickolas, Daria Bossman, and Quynn Verhelst; State Library. Bob Mercer, Keloland.
- Call to Order/
Roll call** Nelson called the regular meeting to order at 1:33 pm CT. Verhelst read the roll call. There was a quorum.
- Declaration of
Conflicts of
Interest** Norling stated that she is the director of the Beresford Public Library and did receive a CARES ACT grant.
- Adoption of
Agenda** A MOTION was made by Loos and seconded by Trzynka to adopt the agenda as presented.
Anderson – Aye Loos – Aye Norling – Aye
Trzynka – Aye Twedt – Aye Nelson – Aye
MOTION CARRIED
- Welcome** President Nelson welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting. Nelson congratulated Bossman on her two recent awards.
- Approval of
Minutes** A MOTION was made by Twedt and seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting.
Anderson – Aye Loos – Aye Norling – Aye
Trzynka – Aye Twedt – Aye Nelson – Aye
MOTION CARRIED
- Report of the
State Librarian** Daria Bossman reported on:
- State Library is under construction
 - “Hardening” the building for security purposes
 - Required the library to move some shelving
 - CARES ACT grant - \$79,937
 - Technology grants
 - Round 1 – 19 recipients; 2 rejected

- Round 2 – 16 recipients
 - Round 3 – October 16th deadline; \$1000 grants only
- SD Humanities Council grants to libraries
 - Distributed the 2020 Young Readers One Book for SDHC
 - Received \$400,000 CARES ACT grant
 - 6 awarded \$32,793 to date; 12 more pending
 - Grants up to \$10,000
- Twelve public librarians were certified this year; 8 were new
- Carson Block contract update – technology expert
 - Had a successful Zoom virtual training
 - Tentative in-person meeting March 25-26, 2021
- National October Initiative “Read for the Record”
 - 114 English and 13 Spanish copies have been sent out to SD libraries.
 - Dr. Ben Jones will be reading the book online
- Summer Reading
 - Almost 85,000 participants from 95 libraries/communities
 - 100,000 goal not reached due to COVID

OLD BUSINESS

Board appointments on hold

Both Nelson and Twedt terms expire October 30, 2020. A nomination was sent to the Governor but have not received a decision.

Board elections are on hold.

NEW BUSINESS

South Dakota School Library Guidelines revised

School library technology coordinator, Alissa Adams gave a brief overview of the School Library Guidelines

First created in 2010 the guidelines language was revised to reflect our more digital world. The framework is still the same, using the levers school library program, the place, and the professional. Updated the language and objective within those letters. Open for comments and suggestions until the end of October.

How are they different than the content standards? Content standards are officially adopted by the Board of Education and they are in a cycle with all the other content standards for the Dept. of Education.

The guidelines are representation of what the school library program, place and professional should look like, act like, and how they should perform in today’s world. 21st century school library awards are based off these guidelines. For people to apply to receive that award they must prove to the SDSL committee how they have achieved excellence in the school library program, place and professional; aligning with the school library guidelines.

School administrators use the guidelines as an evaluation tool for their school librarians and could also be used as part of a school improvement plan.

A MOTION was made by Trzynka and seconded by Twedt to approve the School Library Guidelines as submitted.

Anderson – Aye

Loos – Aye

Norling – Aye

Trzynka – Aye
MOTION CARRIED

Twedt – Aye

Nelson – Aye

Staff Reports

Alissa Adams, School Library Technology Coordinator

Alissa talked about how we engage school librarians during the pandemic. The State Library created a COVID-19 page for school libraries that includes local (in SD), as well as, national resources.

Josh Easter, Braille and Talking Book

Josh reported about the Braille and Talking Book (BTBL) Summer Reading program. BTBL created a tactile reading chart for kids to color in. Participants received incentives such as special crayons and water bottles. Those returning their reading charts were entered into a drawing for 4 - \$50 Amazon gift cards and an Android tablet. Incentives and prizes were made possible by donations.

Josh also gave an update and demonstration of the BTBL 'Download on Demand.' Currently, patrons receive cartridges to use on their talking book machines that hold one digital book. With this transition, we will be able to download as many as 20 books per cartridge. The new scribe machine allows us to download multiple books to the cartridge. Result is better service to patrons, frees time for staff and more efficient workflow.

Q & A from Board

None.

Next Meeting

- February 9, 2021 at 10am CT in Pierre during Library Legislative Day
- May 6, 2021 at 1:30pm MT at the Sturgis Public Library
- July 29, 2021 at 1:30pm CT via zoom
- September 29, 2021 at 1:30pm CT in Pierre during SDLA

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Twedt and seconded by Trzynka to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 pm CT.