

October 29, 2024

Bowdle Public Library

Board President Michelle Kessel called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM with the following Board Members present: Chad Holsworth, Jennifer Schmierer, Marjean Gab, Stacy Preszler, and Librarian Lydia Schnaible. Absent: City Council Representative Margaret Bobby.

A motion was made to approve the August meeting minutes by Chad and seconded by Jennifer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The financial reports for the months of August and September were available from City F/O and reviewed. Motion was made by Chad and seconded by Marjean to accept financial reports. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report: Lydia reported that there is still a decrease in visits and asked for suggestions on how to increase visitors. Michelle suggested a monthly article in the newspaper on new books and activities. Lydia used to do this for the newspaper. Michelle will contact the newspaper about starting this again.

Old Business:

- Activities are going well.
- Lydia attended the SDLA Conference Sept. 25-27 in Aberdeen. Jan Schock won the SDLA Friend of the Library Award.
- The "Mini" Art Show will be Nov. 18 from 5-7 PM.
- The budget was discussed. Money received from Pheasant Phest will go into the special library fund at the city and will be used at the discretion of the Library Board when the city budget has been used up in 2025.
- Rodney caulked the leaking window. There has not been a heavy rain to see if it no longer leaks.

New Business:

- The BEDC Winter Festival is Dec. 19. Lydia contacted a BEDC member to find out the date and was asked if the library would host a craft and decorate a vehicle or the library for the event. Another BEDC member is supposed to be contacting Lydia with more information. The Library Board is allowing Lydia to decide if the library will participate after getting more details.
- The library will need to reapply for accreditation in the fall of 2025. Lydia will email the Library Board webinars and trainings for their CE hours that are required for accreditation.
- HB 1197 will go into effect Jan. 1, 2025. Marjean will talk with Rex about the filtering software that needs to be installed before then. Lydia will work on the policy that is required for this law and the Library Board will approve it at the next meeting. The policy must be posted on the city's website before Jan. 1, 2025.
- The library is participating in Storytime South Dakota in November. The State Library is encouraging the participating libraries to have a special guest reader from the local government. Lydia will work on finding someone willing to read.

The next library board meeting will be held Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the library. A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Chad to adjourn at 8:33 PM.

Lydia Schnaible, Library Director