

**MEETING OF THE NATRONA COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MARCH 8, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by President Hampton O'Neill

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Shannon Dutcher, Kate Sarosy,
Linda Nix, Kyle True, Hampton O'Neill*

ALSO PRESENT: *Kate Mutch, Interim Director
Greta Lehnerz, Business Manager
Nathan McGregor, Community Relations Coordinator
Beth Worthen, NCPL Foundation
John Lawson, Natrona County Commission
Heather Duncan-Malone
Christy and Dale Johnston, Guests
Jeremy Shearer, Guest*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved to approve the agenda. (Sarosy/Dutcher); motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christy and Dale Johnston addressed the Board requesting the library immediately remove all publicly displayed billboards and posters depicting graphically violent zombies. Christy Johnston submitted a letter on behalf of her family and 48 other families detailing their objections to the message being sent by using graphically violent imagery throughout the community.

Jeremy Shearer also spoke requesting the zombie billboards be removed.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 9, 2016 MEETING

It was moved to approve and file the minutes for the February 9, 2016 meeting. (Sarosy/True); motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved to approve the Financial Report and payment of February 2016 bills. (Sarosy/Nix); motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kate Mutch reported the Friends agreed to fund RIF (Reading is Fundamental) for FY17.

Five staff members are attending the PLA (Public Library Association) Conference in Denver on April 6-9. All attendees received McMurry Grants to cover registration and travel expenses.

One Book, One Community for Teens begins the week of March 14. The title of this year's book is "The Naturals" by Jennifer Barnes.

Kate shared Casper Star Tribune Digitization project recommendations written by Betsy O'Neil. The Board agreed with recommendation to delay the project for at least 1-2 years until the budget situation improves.

Over 90 people attended the CJ Box program and book signing March 7 in the Crawford Room.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

John Lawson reported \$108M was approved from the state to local governments but the \$70M for consensus funds was completed cut. He also reported sales tax is still down about 27% from last year at the same time. John contacted Rita Walsh with the school board about finalizing the resolution with the Joint County/City Board to look at the future needs of the library. Heather Duncan-Malone will work with the school board to finalize the resolution. He hopes to organize a meeting of the committee in April.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Kate Sarosy will attend the next Friends meeting.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Beth Worthen reported on the first visit from Anders Dahlgren with Library Planning Associates. She will coordinate his next visit with the Joint County/City/School/District meeting.

A Board member is not available to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board agreed to adopt the Grievance Policy with changes. It was moved (True/Nix); motion carried.

The Director search is in process.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the draft FY17 budget. An undated copy will be available to approve at next month's meeting. John Lawson advised the One Percent funds will likely be cut also but could not give a percentage or amount at this time. One Percent funds all library materials and most equipment.

The Board discussed the Awareness Campaign and the request to remove all Zombie billboards. It was moved to remove the Zombie image from all static and digital billboard and was amended to remove movie theater adds from G rated films or for all films if not possible to remove from just the G rated movies. (Dutcher/Sarosy); motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. (True/Dutcher); motion carried.

K. Saroy

Glenn D. Rex

Shannon Dutcher

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