

Harney County Library Foundation Board Minutes

Tuesday 06/17/25

Attendance:

Cheryl Hancock: Library Director
Fred Flippence
Mike Laiosa
Myndi Hemphill
Jeanne Seeley
Melinda Christenson
Mark Creighton

Financial:

Deposits

20.00	Summer Reading t-shirts
258.15	Donations
500.00	Donation from Cherry Day
2000.00	Grant from Marie Lamfrom
400.00	Donation from Burns Lion's for Summer Reading

Bills

1000.00	Didgeridoo Player
435.00	U of O Museum of Natural History
950.00	Harp Performers
18,000.00	Vogel Reimbursement
85,000.00	Harney County - HCLF contribution
?	Linda for Oral History (Unknown amount at this time, Fred will write check at a later date)

Business Matters:

Credit Card Update: First Community won't issue a credit card without an individual guarantee; opted for a debit card instead. Activated card. PIN: 3026 Tax ID 8975

Review Library programs for the week: origami and Stars and Sundaes. Several more for the month as the Summer Reading program is underway. 85 children attended last week.

Summer Intern: Camden Moss, a high school student, started last week. He has a lot of interests that will benefit the library programs.

Discussion about charging late fees again:

Cheryl states late fee income is nominal.

Mike points out the optics of re-starting late fees may be negative for patronage.

Discussion about budget cuts (employee hours cut):

Employee hours are being shifted around.

There is less overall coverage and closures may happen occasionally as a result.

Staff has tracked library traffic and Friday evenings are the slowest, the rest of the week is unremarkably high/low. HCLF suggests closing Mondays to address budget constraints over other days considering Sunday is also closed, for continuity/patronage ease.

HCL will continue to discuss options which make the most sense to them.

Discussion about the annual Block Party for 2025:

Cheryl discusses concerns about being able to put on the annual Block Party this year with the library's limited ability to staff it considering budget restraints.

There is a possibility to rearrange staff but it will make coverage in the regular library hours thin.

Discuss expense versus income-likely negligible.

Discuss the idea of HCLF covering staffing costs, this will require prior permission from the County Court and HCLF would have to reimburse the county.

Discuss how the staff will need to be consulted about how they would like to approach the Block Party. HCLF supports the staff's vision and needs.