



Library Board Meeting February 20, 2019 6:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Minutes of the previous meeting
 - B. Financial Report
- II. Business
 - A. Annual Report for the State
 1. Public Library Annual Report
 2. Statement Concerning Public Library System Effectiveness
- III. Closing
 - B. Concerns and Comments
 - C. Next meeting date
 - D. Adjournment

Minutes

The Owen Public Library met on November 14, 2018 at 5 PM. Present were Debra Smith, Jeffer Scheuer, Nancy Garrett, Lorelee Petersen, Roxana Reitz, Charlie Milliren, Sally Martine and Mike Ojanpera. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. (with minor changes) (MMSC OJ/ Sally).

The financial report was presented and approved. (MMSC Jeffer/Roxana).

Next on the agenda was the budget. We did better on the county monies this year. (MMSC Charlie/Nancy)

Under concerns and comments, other library area news was discussed.
MMSC to adjourn (Charlie/ OJ)

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 20th at 5

Director's report

- A patron reported that she fell on the sidewalk in front of the library on Monday, January 14. She did not report the fall to us but is asking the city to cover the bill for a trip to the emergency room and to pay her \$5,000 for pain and suffering. The city's insurance is handling the matter.
- Denise is considering retiring from one of the libraries in October. If she chooses to retire from Owen we will need to look for someone who can replace her. Denise sites working until 8:00 as her main reason to consider leaving Owen.
- I am working on starting a 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program for the library. I plan to kick it off in March at Child Development Day. 1,000 Books is a national program that encourages parents and caregivers to read to children from birth to Kindergarten. They keep track of the number times a book is read to a child. Repeat readings can be counted. Incentives are given throughout the program to encourage families to keep going. You can find more information at <https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/>
- I am taking a course on Wordpress Websites through Gale Courses. This will hopefully help me manage our library website. It is going well so far. Gale Courses are now offered through our library system for free and there are tons of great classes. See more at <https://wvls.org/gale-courses/>. I am planning to distribute information about Gale Courses at the Owen Expo this year.
- Summer Reading....Still working on ideas. Anyone interested in doing a garden workshop again? Or perhaps a library garden of some kind? I am hoping to start what may be an annual end of summer event in August. This year I'd like to do "Ozma's Birthday" based on the book The Road to Oz. I'd like to have people dress as characters from the Oz books and interact with our young guests. I'm hoping that ShowCase Players may help with this. I plan to hire a magician to perform as The Wizard of Oz. The Road to Oz, besides being available in its original novel format is also available as a Little Golden picture book and a graphic novel making it accessible to many people. In future years I'm thinking we might do Alice's Tea Party, a Little House on the Prairie Picnic, Peter Pan and the Lost Boys' Feast...and we'll think of more if we ever get that far. Obviously I will need help, lots of help with this. Please let me know if you are interested.