
**NCL Board Meeting
February 26, 2025
6:30PM**

(If needed, please contact the library for remote participation information.)

Present: Jessie Ansari, Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, John Eischeid, Elektra Greer (remote), Allie Marshall, Dave Powlison, Annie Thayer, Tim Rehder, Rick Rudstrom (remote), Matt Reynolds (remote)

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:32

2. Public Comment, 6:30-6:45: none

3. Presentation on NCL HVAC upgrades: Dalen Martin, Timberline Mechanical and Josh, Universal Controls Solution,

Boiler panel almost fully wired up, start-up on 2/27, anticipate a few things that won't work, including one control valve (out of 9) that they know isn't working, building is doing a good job of retaining heat. Variable volume boxes will be examined on 2/28. Most of the system works. The basic issue is that there has been no control of the system. Have had trouble getting into the system. Will be set up so that the library staff will be able to log into the system. Water treatment is tough on a closed loop (sealed) system like ours. We now have a stainless steel boiler, which are better than the previous aluminum boiler. Warrantee is around 5 years. Some parts are 10 years. Hope to finish work on Friday.

4. Minutes from Board Meeting on January 22, 2025: Motion to approve, seconded and passed.

5. Reports

a. NCL Board President's Report: Presented to our friends in the Netherlands about international exchanges. Was also a practice for the upcoming library conference in Philadelphia where 6 of us will present.

b. NCL Foundation Report: Took in over 5K at the Gala. Was about 3K or 4K last year.

c. NCL Treasurer's Report:

January 2025 summary reports

All numbers in this summary are rounded to the nearest dollar

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As of January 31, 2025 checking/savings totaled \$337,094 of which we had \$68,404 in Checking, \$82,390 in our Reserve Fund, \$18,011 in Land Development fund, and \$5,000 in our Long-term Maintenance fund, and \$163,289 in Savings.

January 2025 total income was \$67,312 of which \$12,837 was from Total Property Tax Revenue, \$2,538 from Specific Ownership Tax, and \$51,055 from Donations and \$67.32 as pass-through Foundation donations.

January 2025 expenses totaled \$49,981. Expense categories exceeding \$1,000 are summarized here for review purposes, but all expenses can be found on the Profit and Loss statement: \$4,161 for Books and Materials, \$9,719 for Insurance, \$1,667 for Maintenance, \$2,156 for Payroll Taxes, \$26,037 for Wages, \$1,657 for Professional Fees, \$1,174 for Program Development, and \$1,014 for utilities.

Net income for January was \$17,631.

Two uncashed checks were voided (\$300).

We created a new line item under Income “Foundation consignment account” to track donations to the Foundation that come to the library when we exhibit local art.

Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted, Jon Eischeid, Treasurer

d. NCL Director Report:

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\$20,000 Grant for Libraries Transforming Communities through ALA. We just received notification (today) that we will be receiving these funds. This grant is for improving access to our library services for those with mobility and vision disabilities.

Tele-health grant through The Office of eHealth Innovation and Colorado State Library. NCL received \$ 9, 206 this month from a successful December 2024 Grant application to create a telehealth space in our library. We will be purchasing equipment soon.

OUR 2024 Annual Report! What a successful year we had! (See attached!)

Reading Garden Stage The Library Foundation Winter Gala was a success with 90 in attendance. We’re waiting to hear how much money it made. We’re looking into several options for having a roof stage completed by summer.

CLiC Winter Workshops: Staff experienced some great (and affordable) professional development hosted by CLiC. AI is an area of professional development that will be engaging us all.

LingQ Streaming Language Learning: We’ve launched a new online language learning program. We’ll see how it performs over the year.

September 2025 Traveling Exhibit with our Sister Library, ZB Bibliotheek. Scarlett and Elektra had a virtual meeting with ZB Leadership and we’ll be moving ahead with a Traveling Exhibit between our two libraries that will showcase historical images and artifacts from each of our regions. The theme will be “Pioneering” /Fearless Women 19th and 20th Centuries; Zeeland and Nederland. We’re hoping to involve the Nederland Area Historical Society and the Buffalo Bill Museum. The images and costumes are amazing.

COSLA Fly-in to Washington DC—Scarlett, Elektra and four other Colorado Library Representatives are going to be in Washington DC, March 4th-7th to meet with our Representatives to speak to the value of IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services). This Federal agency is critical to public libraries (see Colorado facts sheets). I'm hoping next year Jessie can represent us (through her work with ARSL); there's a strong demand to hear from rural librarians.

February Programming: Children's programming this month has been exceptional, with all our sessions filling up.

6. New Business

Allie Marshall, Board term: motion by Dave to extend her board term for 2 more years. Seconded by John. Unanimously approved.

2025-2028 Strategic Plan Community Survey: 197 returns so far. Will close this out shortly, and results will be compiled in the next month or so.

Elektra and Scarlett are going to Washington DC (March 4-7th) for COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Associations)/Voices4Libraries to meet with our national representatives at the Capitol to speak on the value of libraries for rural livability.

Colorado Association of Libraries, Library Day at the Capitol: Wednesday, March 26th.

Board strategic planning meeting: 1/2 day, Monday, April 21, 1-4pm, possibly North Boulder library, Lyons or Gilpin. The board meeting scheduled for April 23 is cancelled.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2, 6:30pm.

8:58 PM. Adjourn.