Library Board Minutes – March 27, 2012

Attending: Barbara Burt, Glenn Ytzen, Allan Thoreson, Maureen Lyons, Karen Elder, Tom Colbert, Sue Fink, Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille

President called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes of February 28, 2012 were approved.

Operating bills: Barbara made a motion to approve this month's bills. Karen seconded the motion and the bills were unanimously approved.

Agenda Items:

1. Joa talked about the Battle of the Books Bash which was held on March 12. The three winning teams received a hardcover book. The rest of the students each received a paperback book. 20 teams competed. The next big event will be Dia de los Ninos. Other summer activities are also being planned. The theme this summer will be "Dream Big – Read!"

2. eBook cataloging: eBooks will now be in the catalog as well as on Wilbor. eBooks have gone up in price. There are also many restrictions for eBooks usage in libraries. Our library will continue to purchase them but there are limited funds.

3. Sarah attended the Public Library Association Conference in Philadelphia March 12 – 16. Many programs were offered. Approximately 10,000 attended the event.

4. Friends of the Library met this past weekend. The next meeting will be May 6th. They are meeting every other month. They gave the library $9,000 to work on the prairie. The membership drive will be in April. Friends were given $20,000 from an estate. Martha Ellen Tye will purchase a Foundation Database.

5. Sarah is taking an online class about library advocacy called "Turning the Page" by the Gates Foundation. It will give her the ability to advocate for public libraries.

6. Strategic planning for the library will begin this summer. The library needs to create a five year plan. Sarah commented that input from the community is important. Consultants are also available to help with this plan. Friends are willing to give $5,000.00 to help with the plan.

7. Fire alarms have had some issues. Sarah is working on these issues.

Meeting concluded by the Board President at 5:11 p.m.