

Director's Report for January 19, 2023

- I discussed with Officer Theibert about the obscene call left on our messaging machine. He found out where and who the call came from. It was from a man in Minnesota, and he saw or heard something about the issue with the book challenge yet did not have the whole story. He admitted that he was wrong to make that kind of a call and apologized for doing it. He requested that Officer Theibert pass that message on to us and assured us that he would not be doing something like that again. Officer Theibert said there was nothing criminal that he could be charged with since there was no threat of violence in the call, and it was not repeated after the initial call. Officer Theibert will send an official report to us about the incident.
- We have not received a report from EPCA yet about the issue of moisture coming from the roof, yet from my conversation with Sam, we may have that by the time of the board meeting.
- The bid on a new copier/printer from Central Business Systems Inc. in Jamestown was accepted. The installation date is February 16th. The last payment for the Lease through Liberty was made and we are waiting for instructions for returning the current copier/printer.
- The new storage cabinet was purchased, delivered, and assembled. Melissa made short work of getting it filled up! Many thanks to our volunteer for putting it together!
- We are ordering bags, beanies, and pens that we have used as giveaways with our new logo on them. Items ordered for the Summer Learning program are coming in, and we expect the parade throws for Rally in the Valley to arrive soon as well.
- We have become aware of two bills presented to the legislature that promote censorship and would affect our library as the language used specifically promotes changing of the ND Century Code “relating to prohibiting public libraries from maintaining sexually explicit books” These bills also intend to make it a class B misdemeanor for anyone that “willfully displays” such material in a place where minors may be a part of the general public.
- We are continuing to plan to create separate office spaces for Anita and Melissa. We have cleaned out quite a few items from the small office space and Melissa is continuing to sort through and organize them in the new storage cabinet. We have asked Home Design Center to help us envision the two office spaces and hope to see a quote soon.
- The new network rack has been mostly installed. We are waiting for longer cables to come in so it can be completed.
- I asked Keith from Keith's Air Conditioning and Heating to give me a report on what was determined about the furnaces since I was not here for that discussion, and he stopped out and checked on the furnaces again. He confirmed that the furnaces were different sizes with the one for downstairs being the smaller one. To help circulation, he increased the fan speed and turned up the temperature. He said that puts that furnace at the top of its ability to work. We have noticed that it is warmer downstairs, yet it is still chilly in the Makerspace room.
- We hired two new people, Liberty Cleveland, and Vismaya Jacob to replace our Saturday position we had open and to help cover for Sara's maternity leave.
- The staff has begun efforts to sort, organize, and eliminate items in our storage spaces so we can have a better sense of what we need to keep and what we do not need to keep. We are also finding quite a few things that are better suited for the museum than for the library, so Wes is having fun taking charge of those items for us. This will help us be better organized and know where things are while we are going through the middle room renovation.