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An Invitation to Serve Your Library

The library depends on citizen involvement to ensure that its services are as reflective of community needs as possible.

The Piedmont Valley Library Board of Trustees is a 5-member board appointed by the city council. As a governing body, it guides the development of library services. Terms on the board are three years. The board meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Effective trustees bring to the library knowledge of the community, a commitment to the rights of citizens to information, and a willingness to continually maintain and strengthen library services in the Piedmont Valley. If you are interested in serving on the Piedmont Valley Library Board, please complete the form below and return it to the Library Director. This expression of interest does not guarantee appointment but all interested parties will be considered for appointment whenever a vacancy becomes available. For more information, please contact Library Director Megan Eggers at 1-605-718-3663 or piedmont.library@hotmail.com. Thank you for your interest in the library.

Name _____ Home phone _____

Address _____ Work phone _____

Education _____

Work / volunteer experience _____

Skills/Expertise that you can bring to the board _____

Piedmont Valley Library Board of Trustees Job Description

Legal Responsibilities

Members of the library board are mandated to control:

- Library funds
- Library property
- Library expenditures
- Selection, hiring, and evaluation of a library director

Members of the library board are required to maintain open records and hold open meetings under the requirements of the South Dakota Sunshine Laws.

Fiduciary Responsibilities

Public library trustees are public officers and therefore have a responsibility to:

- Obey federal, state, county, and local laws as they relate to libraries
- Conform practices to board by-laws
- Manage all library assets wisely
- Recognize that the library's best interests must prevail over any individual interest
- Attend board meetings regularly, participate actively, and ensure adequate record keeping and documentation
- Be diligent in developing library plans and policies

Examples of Duties

- Select, hire, and oversee a competent and qualified library director
- Determine and adopt written policies to govern the operation of the library
- Develop a long range strategic plan to meet the changing needs of the service population
- Adopt an annual budget adequate for meeting goals and objectives; work actively for public and official support of the budget
- Review monthly financial statements in context of the annual budget, approve reasonable expenditures that are within the approved budget
- Negotiate, approve, and enter into contracts for services
- Interpret the library's role and plans to community boards and committees, governing officials, and the general public

Qualifications for Library Trustees

- Willingness to devote time and talents
- Ability to think clearly, question objectively, and plan creatively
- Skill in communicating and cooperating
- Awareness and appreciation of the library's past, present, and future role in society
- Willingness to become more knowledgeable about library services and standards of operation within the South Central Library System
- Ability to represent the Library Board in public forums, to act as an advocate for library services, and to reflect the concerns of the public at library board meetings.

Collectively, the Library Board of Trustees should represent:

- A diversity of interests
- A balance of age, race, sex, and socioeconomic levels
- A variety of occupational and personal backgrounds