

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

7:00 pm

601 7th Street, Fairbury, NE 68352

1. The regular meeting of the Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by president, Kristin Vaughn. Notice of this meeting was posted in advance in the Fairbury Journal News. The Open Meetings Act was posted in the room as required by law.

2. In addition to the president, Kristin Vaughn, members present were Eric Borch, LeAnn Krause, and Stan Smith and Warner Krumme was present by phone. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The March 6th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the minutes be approved as written. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report:

Building:

-Trish cleaned all the carpets on the Carnegie side since the room was empty after the planetarium.

Technology:

City business:

Library events and programming:

-84 people went through the *Edgerton Explorit Center* portable planetarium.

-54 people attended the NASA Ambassador at Bonham.

-Jeff Barnes (through Humanities Nebraska) is presenting "To live and die on the plains" June 18th at the library.

Director activities and other happenings:

-A lot of new city cards issued this month. Not many rural renewals or new. Door count, computer use, and circulation numbers all up slightly. Wifi pretty much back to normal use. Even with all the promotion for the eclipse events, traffic on the website and Facebook were both down.

-Zoom CASTL meeting. Topic was navigating and managing Overdrive.

-Linda and Debbie attended Zoom workshop on Novel List (a reader's advisory tool)

-Linda attended a Zoom workshop to learn how to use OCLC's new interface.

-Seed checkout has been slow. Trying to find new ways to reach people and promote it.

-Weeded old magazines

-Busy month promoting and hosting the planetarium and NASA Ambassador

-Legislative news: LB441, that would have changed the provisions relating to obscenity, effectively criminalizing K-12 and public librarians, failed. Our districts Tom Brandt was one of the few Republicans opposing this bill.

-Final logo design (below)

6. Bills in the amount of \$2,988.76 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved and paid as written. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

7. **Old Business:** None.

8. New Business: Discussion was had about allowing the Children's Librarian get a fish tank for the children's side of the library. All board members supported that idea. Trish will be solely responsible for said tank.

Debbie will be attending a Public Library Trustee Section meeting in York this month, as she is the immediate out-going president she needs to be present.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held May 1, 2024.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause

