

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday August 7, 2019

7:00 pm

601 7th Street, Fairbury, NE 68352

The regular meeting of the Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by president, Kristin Vaughn. Members present were LeAnn Krause and Eric Borch. Stan Smith and Warner Krumme were absent.

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.

There were no comments from the public.

The July 10th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the minutes be approved as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; and Kristin, yes. Eric, yes. Motion carried.

The Director's Report:

Building:

- Ralph Tate scraped, caulked, and painted the windows on the Carnegie building, except for the ones over the outside stairs.
- While I was on vacation, two patrons, Darlene Pierce and JoAnn Beu, complained to Linda regarding the torn carpet being a tripping hazard. Linda told them I had been trying to get them to come over and remove it for months. We think Darlene then went to Barbers to complain as they were out the next day to remove it. I have not yet received a bill for their services.
- After some trial and error, Eric Borch and I figured out the best way to remove the remaining glue was using a solvent. That is beyond the scope of our abilities to do it right, or safely, so I am in the process of hiring someone to complete the project.

Technology:

- We are now using Spectrum for our Internet and have up to 200mb of speed. Unfortunately, our routers and other equipment were not able to handle that much speed, so NCS has purchased and install new equipment so we can fully utilize our new speed

City Business:

- Susan Thomas approached me before vacation regarding a city/county library agreement. She spoke with Mark Schoenrock (I believe) who thought it was a good idea. I will speak with Collin and Susan to get an official proposal together and present it at a Jefferson County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Library Events and Programming:

- Teddy Bear sleepover coming up in September

Workshop Updates:

- July CASTL in Superior. The topic was bed bugs and other pests!

Director Activities:

- Catching up after being gone half the month.
- Began weeding and inventory on the adult non-fiction titles.
- Received another promotional Kindle from Mid America books from our purchases. I am planning on using it as a grand prize for next year summer reading.
- The Fairbury hiking and biking coalition, JeffCo on the Move, has been working on a "Fairbury Historic Walk" featuring six historic sites/locations around town. Each location will have a historic walk sign displayed with information about it and a map of town showing the other locations and distances to them.
- In addition to the painting, Ralph Tate donated a new, cloth flag, as our old one was already pretty tattered.

Bills in the amount of \$23,169.37 were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the bills be approved and paid as written. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Eric, yes; and Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

1. Debbie spoke to the board about membership to the ARSL or Association for Rural and Small Libraries. She stated that she would like to attend the 2020 conference to be held in Wichita, and the membership would guarantee her a seat at a much discounted price. LeAnn made a motion that Debbie go ahead and get this membership in the new budget year. Eric seconded. . Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; and Kristin, yes. Eric, yes. Motion carried.
2. The Trail of Treasures is coming up October 4-6. Debbie would like the library to be open the morning of the 4th at 8am, then close at 5:00 on the 5th. This would allow more people ample time to come in and check out the book sale. Eric made a motion that the library open at 8:00 am on the 4th, and close at 5:00 pm on the 5th, for the weekend of Trail of Treasures. LeAnn seconded. . Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; and Kristin, yes. Eric, yes. Motion carried.
3. CASTL training will be held in Wilber on August 23rd.

There was no further discussion. The next regular board meeting will be held on May 1, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause