

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday August 5, 2020

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, present in person with LeAnn Krause, Eric Borch and our director, Debbie Aden. Warner Krumme, and Stan Smith were also present via teleconference.

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 2020 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the minutes be approved as written. Kristen seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes, and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Building:

-Estimate to replace carpet on west porch is \$670. I have decided to re-carpet the porch on the south side as well as the glue is really too thick to remove. The cost should be about the same on that side. We have a tentative installation date of August 24. I asked to have it completed and billed by September 1 since I still have money in my maintenance line for this budget year to cover it.

Technology:

-Children's computers will remain unavailable until after schools reopen on the 19th and we can evaluate the COVID-19 situation.

City Business:

-Part of the sidewalk behind the building (east side) and the wooden fence around the trash cans was spray painted red sometime between the evening of Monday, August 3rd and the morning of Wednesday, August 5th. Reported to law enforcement and the city so they can get it power washed.

-Theresa Fox accepted a teaching position in Colorado so has resigned.

-Dani Spencer has not worked since the shutdown back in March. As the situation with COVID-19 has not improved, and likely will not anytime in the near future, she does not feel secure working around the public so has also tendered her resignation.

-I will be adding the Saturday hours (9-1) back into the schedule beginning August 15. As soon as I get Theresa and Dani replaced, and their replacements trained, I will add the evening hours back to the schedule.

Library Events and Programming:

- Monthly book discussions have resumed. Maximum of ten people spread out in the SW children's area. Masks are required.

- Linda is going to try to resume story times and has moved them to Tuesday evenings beginning September 1st. Masks required for anyone over age 5.

- The Historic Trail Walk Challenge has been extended until August 17th and the drawing for the Kindle on the 18th.

Workshop Updates:

-CASTL was held in Wahoo

-August CASTL is scheduled for here in Fairbury on August 27th, depending upon current Directed Health Measure.

Director Activities:

-Sorting and inventory of audiobook donation, then weeding and organizing of the current and added audiobooks.

-Traffic at the library has picked up over the last month as word gets out that we are open.

Bills in the amount of \$ 19,703.90 were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the bills be approved and paid as written. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; Eric, yes; and Stan, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda:

1. The Strategic Plan was reviewed by all. The goals and expectations were gone over. Some of the objectives are being met, just not exactly like the plan states. Debbie said that things will not look any different for the next review as there isn't anything happening this year.
2. Teresa and Dani have both left the library, each for their own reasons. Debbie has begun to advertise for part time help. She would like to be able to hire candidates without having to bring them before the board. All board members agree that Debbie may hire the applicants that she has chosen.
3. There is no out of town training or workshops this month. CASTL will be held at our library this month.

Other Business

There was no other discussion or business.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held September 2, 2020.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause