

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday August 4, 2021

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, LeAnn Krause, Eric Borch and Stan Smith were present in person. Warner Krumme was absent. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

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 7th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the minutes be approved as written. Kristin seconded. Stan abstained. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

The Director's Report:

Building:

-Even after inspection and filter change, the A/C unit started dripping from the ceiling again July 28 in the middle of heat wave. Need to discuss with Pollman's the options for either moving the entire unit out of the ceiling, or at least finding a way to drain it to the outside from where it's at.

-Thrasher out to perform annual check. Found a couple of small puddles of water under front porch. The water likely came through the concrete cracks in the porch during a driving rain. Recommended keeping the door to that space open and stepping up dehumidifier efforts. Purchased two, 50 pint/day dehumidifiers.

Library Events and Programming:

-88 kids participated in the summer reading program

-61 adults signed up for summer reading with 38 completing it (62%).

-Jeff Barnes program (Marking Nebraska) @6:30 pm on August 26 here at the library.

Workshop Updates:

-In person CASTL meeting in Crete.

Director Activities:

-I have been in contact with *Newspaper Archives* representative regarding the completion of the audit and return of our microfilm. I am still waiting for a reply from their technical services team.

-Clark/Enersen was here on June 17th to look at the facility and talk about what we are hoping to achieve in a remodel. Received a fee proposal of \$21,500 to complete nine specific tasks (see attached)

-We will be receiving just over \$4,700 from the Recovery Act Grant through the Nebraska Library Commission. The money can only be used for specific items and services related to our response and recovery from the pandemic and cannot be used for building repairs or maintenance.

-Jonni Hemphill has resigned from her part time position. Her last day will be August 28. The job has been posted on the city website and will be in next week's FJN.

-The library is now an access point for the public to check out equipment for the new games and activities at City Park

Bills in the amount of \$20,386.57 were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the bills be approved and paid as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Bids have been submitted to Debbie for replacing the Carnegie furnace. One from Petersen's and three from Pollman's, a good, better, and best. Discussion was tabled, pending more information.

- There was some talk about the possibility of draining the north side AC out of an exterior wall.

- A proposal from Clark/Enerson was reviewed. Debbie is going to contact them and tell them no, just not now. She will also reach out to the other two firms to see if she can get a bid, or even a response.

- The library will be receiving funds from the Recovery Act Grant. Debbie explained how this money would be used for the library. Some will be used for the newspaper archive subscription database. About \$1200.00 will go to the StoryWalk. New steel posts will be purchased to have the story boards mounted to, after the new sidewalk is poured. She will also purchase an 18" laminating machine to laminate the pages of books for the StoryWalk. She will have approximately \$1800.00 left to find a use for. She asked for suggestions from the group.

- Debbie conducted an in-house study on gate traffic after 5:00 on Friday afternoons. Due to the low gate count (1), she would like to close the library at 5:00 on Fridays. LeAnn made a motion to close the library at 5:00 on Fridays. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

- There is a CASTL meeting in Lincoln in August. Debbie will not be able to attend, due to staffing issues.

There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held September 1, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause