

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board
Wednesday August 2, 2023
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 Warner Krumme, and Eric Borch. LeAnn Krause was present via phone. Stan Smith was absent. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

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

5. The Director's Report:

Building:

- Hail storm June 29 damaged library roof. Will need replaced. The city is working with insurance to get fixed.

City Business:

- Still do not have a City Administrator.

- The mayor asked Kelly Davis to work up some budget numbers for potential projects to work on next year. Kelly is hopeful that insulation in the Carnegie attic will happen this fall.

Library Events and Programming:

- Trish had 84 kids sign up for the summer reading program. 32 completed the program. The adult program had 54 sign up and 27 complete it.

- Several summer reading programs were held this month including: an escape room for adults, an escape room for kids 10-13, a Nebraska Extension program, pizza party, and Jeff Quinn the Magician at the Bonham. Jeff Quinn was not as well attended as programs in the past, but we had never tried programs later in July and didn't realize we scheduled it during the Jefferson County Fair.

- Jeffs Gone Mad held a story time event at the library that 46 people attended.

Director Activities:

- As summer reading is winding down, so are our circulation and gate count. One area that is up significantly is our Overdrive users and checkouts.

- No meetings attended in July

- There was an incident at the library on July 15 where a patron used a library computer in an attempt to access illegal material. The Sheriff was called and three computers and other potential evidence was turned over to law enforcement. The library was closed July 16-18. We have not received an update about the ongoing investigation.

6. Bills in the amount of \$6880.31 were reviewed. A motion was made by Warner that the bills be approved and paid as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, abstained because she didn't have the report; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

7. Old Business: None.

8. New Business: CASTL in Superior on August 25

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held September 6, 2023.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause