

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday December 7, 2016

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 Patricia Tedrow, Stan Smith, and Warner Krumme. Our director Debbie Aden was also present. We were also joined by, Margaret from the Foundation, and Scott Childers of SELS.

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.

An hour long presentation by Scott Childers was made, explaining the various duties of the director vs. the board vs. friends of the library. Each member of the Board of Trustees gained one hour of continuing education to be put towards our accreditation.

A comment was made by the public, noting a need for more parking. The possibility of angled parking along the west side of the building was mentioned. Debbie will make a phone call to see if the idea is feasible.

The November 2nd minutes were reviewed by all. A motion was made by Stan that the minutes be approved as written. Warner seconded. Motion carried.

The Director's Report:

Noake's was out to check over the furnace. The air conditioner on the children's side was fixed with a new capacitor. Shelly Luehring finished sanding and painting the handrails and sealing the benches.

Stan was at the library and made needed updates to the computers. The internet issue seems to be low internet speed, for our size and needs, and also due to the deep freeze program, the computers are constantly trying to update, thus sucking up bandwidth. An outside internet source was recommended. Debbie will check on providers and costs.

There are many things happening at the library: mitten tree, Box Tops for Education drop point, a free exhibit of the Bill of Rights sponsored by the National Archives to celebrate its 225th anniversary, a book tree was constructed by Debbie and Lauren for the Festival of Trees, and there will be a craft program for children and adults this coming Saturday.

Two old atlases were found in the basement during cleaning have been donated to the National Historical Society in Lincoln. The Foundation Board met last month, Debbie requested two new flags, one American, and the other Nebraska state. The Foundation agreed to pay for them. InfoBase has not been renewed, as they had only been two users in a year's time. Replacement options will be considered, one possibility is Mango Languages. Debbie attended a CASTL meeting in David City, donations were discussed.

Agenda Items:

Scott Childers from SELS was present and gave a short presentation.

Closing the Library for Christmas Eve was discussed. Stan made a motion to allow the library to be closed on December 24th. Warner seconded. A yes vote by all, motion carried.

Debbie has a workshop coming up on December 9th, at Aurora. The monthly CASTL meeting.

There was no other business or discussion.

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be held January 4, 2017, at the Fairbury Public Library.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause