

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday December 5, 2018

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

The Director's Report:

Building:

- Peterson's removed the water fountain from the children's side instead of fixing it. It was in the way and kids were constantly playing in it anyway. They also had to snake out drain in the basement bathroom sink.
- The peeling and water stains on the wall in the children's area and Linda's office are obviously the result of gutters overflowing. The realization was made that they are probably overflowing because, although the gutters are clean, the water is obviously not flowing to the street in heavy rain. They are probably clogged or broken somewhere underground. When Seibe's comes out to clean our gutters I have asked him to cut off the bottom of the downspouts and attach hoses to run the water away from the building, similar to what we are already doing on the east side.
- The Thanksgiving snow was a mess to clean up, especially on the handicap ramp, and will be expensive. Additionally, the snow plow not only didn't clean out the parking lot, but dumped snow in it. For two days, patrons had no clear path from the street to the clean sidewalks on the west side of the building.

Library Events and Programming:

- An author presentation has been scheduled for February 28. He is a Lincoln author and his book is "Selfies with Sacajawea," chronicling the journey of Lewis and Clark from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.
- I am communicating with Charlotte Endorf to come out next spring sometime with her new program about Grace Snyder.
- The library will have a small tree at the "Festival of Trees"

Workshop Updates:

- Attended CASTL in Aurora and went over the annual State report

Director Activities:

- The library received the "Youth for Excellence" Grant applied for last month to purchase makerspace equipment. The amount is for \$3,000, with a 25% match. The match, and a little extra, is from a memorial donation dedicated to the purchase of makerspace equipment.
- The Foundation met November 19. All of the current members will continue to serve. The only major change is Margaret is now both Secretary and Treasurer, as she has been working on a new accounting system, and no one else wants to be Secretary.
- I have received donations from two groups, Rooted in Relationships and the Rotary Club, and commitments from two more, the Optimists and the Farmer's Bureau, to sponsor books for the Storywalk.

Bills in the amount of \$17,296.78 were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the bills be approved and paid as written. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes and Warner, yes; and Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

1. Debbie asked Eric Borch to be the Foundation Board Liaison because he has an architectural and engineering background. This would good knowing the upcoming building repairs. He and Margaret would understand the terms and be able to share insights.
2. Upcoming trainings are CASTL on December 7, and an Apollo users meeting on December 13. Debbie is going to take Linda M.

There was no further discussion. The next regular board meeting will be held on January 9, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause