

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday December 1, 2021

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, Fairbury Public Library, and the City of Fairbury Public Office. The Open Meetings Act was posted in the room as required by law.

2. In addition to Kristin, Eric Borch, LeAnn Krause and Stan Smith were present in person, Warner Krumme was absent. Director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The November 3rd minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the minutes be approved as written. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: Kristin, yes; Stan, yes. Eric, yes and LeAnn abstained as she was not present at that meeting. Motion carried.

5. Director's Report:

Building:

- Thrasher came out November 8th to repair (support) the concrete and fix the grading.
- Peterson's called 11/29 to inquire about furnace replacement. Told they would call back. Still waiting.
- Just a couple of days after Siebe cleaned our gutters, we had another hard rain and water once again overflowed and pooled next to east emergency door. He cleaned out the gutter, but did not flush the downspout. He came out again the next week to try again. He also reattached the downspout outside the NW corner of Linda's office.
- Furnace on adult side worked well for first few weeks, then one morning quit working. Pollmans called. Blown fuse problem we've had in the past.

City Business:

- I will be advertising this month for a new part time person to replace Paige. They cannot actually start until after January 1.

Library Events and Programming:

Workshop Updates:

- CASTL in Friend. Discussion about annual Bibliostat report
- Linda D attended *Read Aloud Nebraska* workshop in Seward.

Director Activities:

- Newspaper Archives* project complete and microfilm returned.
- The new Storywalk posts have been installed on the new sidewalk.
- We did not receive the Youth for Excellence grant; however, we did receive the Library Improvement grant and will be using it to purchase a new projector and two new laptops
- Headed into the winter (not necessarily colder) months, our number and visitors and check outs continue to decline.

6. Bills in the amount of \$37,005.04 were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the bills be approved. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Eric, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

7. **Old Business:** There was no old business.

8. **New Business:**

-Upcoming CASTL workshop in Lincoln. The library will close at 3:00 pm on December 23, 2021 for Christmas.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held January 5, 2022.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause