

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday, December 6, 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 Eric Borch and, LeAnn Krause, Stan Smith and Warner Krumme were present by phone. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The November 1st 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; Stan, yes, Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report:

Building:

-Insulation added to the Carnegie attic!

-Last month, Petersen's had to snake out the drain in the men's room again.

-Last week there was water on the floor several mornings in a row in the women's restroom. Petersen's had to replace the women's restroom sink p-trap.

-Mike Siebe cleaned the gutters.

Technology:

-The three computers confiscated last summer have been returned. I have reached out to Stan to update them and get them back on the network.

-Beginning next year, our monthly contract cost with NCS will essentially triple. He is working with us to find some middle ground with the cost since we have been customers for so many years.

-The Foundation has approved the purchase of a new photocopier after the first of the year.

City business:

-In September, a patron checked out \$300 worth of books and has since left town. The city office has sent her to collections for us.

Library events and programming:

-Christmas craft event scheduled for December 13th

Director activities and other happenings:

-November was fairly quiet, which is to be expected. Pretty much all stats were down except for circulation, which was close to last month even though visits were down.

-I attended the grand reopening of the Community Center

-Attended CASTL in Wilber. This was our annual meeting with Sam Shaw from the Library Commission to review Bibliostats, the Federal and State report libraries must complete every year.

-Trish attended Read Aloud Nebraska in Seward. She brought back a lot of free books that have either been added to the collection, or will be given away at Christmas.

-A new *Interlibrary Loan Policy* has been drafted for approval from the Board this month.

-Foundation Board met last month. Cindy Weichel's first term expired this year. She has agreed to stay on the Board for another term (4 years). The current slate of officers all agreed to serve again for the upcoming year.

-Kris Stone has resigned as the part-time gardener.

6. Bills in the amount of \$5,714.08 were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the bills be approved and paid as written. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

7. Old Business: None.

8. New Business: Debbie wrote a new Inter Library Loan Policy. It was reviewed by the members of the board. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved and paid as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held January 3, 2024.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause