

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday February 3, 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 vice president, Stan Smith. Members present were LeAnn Krause and Warner Krumme. Kristin Vaughn and Patricia Tedrow were 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 January 6th minutes were reviewed by all. A motion was made by Warner that the minutes be approved as written. LeAnn seconded. A "yes" vote from Warner and LeAnn, and Stan. Motion carried.

The Director's Report:

Siebe's were out to finish the gutters. The heating bill was over \$1000. Debbie has lowered the thermostat on the adult side to maybe help bring it down. The children's side is uninsulated, therefore already cooler.

Stan was out to fix some minor computer issues, but everything is working well.

After reviewing the estimate from Diode on the panic buttons, we decided it really isn't feasible right now. Linda suggested a wireless doorbell to be used ONLY to notify the staff on the other side to call the police.

One person attended the Overdrive workshop, but it fell the same day as our last 9 inches of snow. Debbie will try to hold it again in March.

Debbie attended the CASTL workshop in Milford on grant writing. She will be working a couple of them.

The Bibliostats report is finished and submitted. She was able to get the phone service switched back to NT & T so that the e-rate will be credited to our account. A press release was sent to the Fairbury Journal News regarding our accreditation, it should appear in the Feb. 3rd edition. There should be another article coming the following week about the library. Debbie applied for the 2016 Library Services and Technology Act Grant through the Library Commission for a bilingual AWE Early Literacy Station. If funded, we must match 25%, which Debbie will approach the Foundation for those funds on the 15th of this month.

Agenda Items:

- Legislative update on LB696- this is the bill that may allow cities and towns in Nebraska to change their library board advisory. NLA is working diligently on opposing this bill. Debbie forwarded a sample letter for us to send out in opposition to this bill as well. She will continue to keep us posted on the progress of the bill.

- The Annual Report was written and presented by Debbie. I have enclosed a copy of it for your review. It needs to be signed by three board members and notarized, before it can be submitted. LeAnn made a motion to accept the Annual Report as written and presented, Warner seconded. A “yes” vote by all three board members present, motion carried.
- The Nebraska Democratic Caucus will be on March 5th. Debbie would like to host it at our library. It will be on a Saturday, after normal library hours. Stan made a motion to host the Nebraska Democratic Caucus in our library, Warner seconded. A “yes” vote by all three board members present, motion carried.
- There is an upcoming CASTL meeting in Beatrice on Nebraska Access Data Bases that Debbie is planning to attend on February 19th. On February 26th there is a webinar at Seward called “Big Talk for Small Libraries.” Debbie is also planning to attend this one as well.

There was no further business for discussion.

The next regular meeting of the library board will be on Wednesday March 2, 2016.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause