

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday February 6, 2019

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, Warner Krumme, and Eric Borch. Stan Smith 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 January 9th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Warner that the minutes be approved as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

The Director's Report:

Building:

- Thrasher will be here February 13-14 to fix the beams and vapor lock the basement crawl spaces. - "Anything Electric" is going to move the wall heater from the basement stairwell into Linda's office.

Technology:

-One of our older PCs on the children's side has died. The printer on the children's side is also on its way out. At the upcoming Foundation meeting I will request replacements for both.
- I'm not sure what Stan Peetom's work status is with NCS sue to some legal trouble. The city also uses NCS, although has used a different employee for some time now. Since they also host our Website, at this point I will continue to use their services with the employee the city uses.

City Business:

-Due to scheduling issues with the two part time employees, Collin is going to propose to the Personnel Committee to allow me to hire a 3rd part time position. The total number hours offered per week would still be the same, just be divided between 3 people. This would give me more flexibility with extra hours to cover time off, programs, and illness.

Library Events and Programming:

-Ben Sasse will have a representative in the library February 6 from 1-3
-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.- Charlotte Endorf will be here in October. We will be doing a joint program with a local quilting group. It will be at the Bonham and include a quilt show.

Workshop Updates:

- Missed CASTL due to weather/road conditions

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Director Activities:

- The equipment/materials for the makerspace have been ordered and are starting to arrive.
- Bibliostats and Annual Report for the city completed.
- Mitch Zabatosky has expressed an interest in funding digitization of our newspapers. We met with the representative from MicroImaging in Omaha. He is going to digitize our 2008-2013 newspapers and make them searchable. He is also going to make the digitized versions of the paper we have been downloading since 2013 searchable. The cost will not be more than \$1,500, probably only around \$1,200 and Mitch is going to donate the funds.
- I was approached by Spectrum to switch my Internet service to them for \$70.00/month for 100mp (before e-rate). I am currently paying Windstream \$110/month for 50mp. So I am going to switch Internet contracts on July 1, but will stay with Windstream for phone service.
- The Beatrice Daily Sun shorted our subscription by 4 months because of the charges for “special editions” throughout the year. You cannot opt out of them. Because we’re a library, they agreed to extend our subscription back to the original year we paid for. The Omaha World Herald price went up significantly and they were unable to offer me anything close to what we currently have so I am dropping it in April.

Bills in the amount of \$18,904.83 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved and paid as written. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

1. The Annual Report was presented to the board. It contained revenue, expenditures, collection and patron stats, as well as a list of notable achievements for the last year. Debbie will be submitting this to the city next week. Debbie will also include a Library Value Calculator with the Annual Report. This calculator spells out the value of our library to the city in a monetary way.
2. Raising the cost of faxes was revisited. Debbie had checked with four other libraries to see how they priced sending their faxes. It was decided that the cost of sending or receiving a fax at our library will be \$.25 per page. LeAnn made a motion to approve this change. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.
3. Debbie has CASTL on February 21st in David City. Due to the weather in January she was unable to attend the session in Fairmont.

There was no further discussion. The next regular board meeting will be held on March 6, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause

