

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday January 5, 2022

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 Kristin, LeAnn Krause was present in person. Eric Borch and Stan Smith were present via phone conference call. Warner Krumme was absent. Director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The December 1st minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the minutes be approved as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: Kristin, yes; Stan, yes. Eric, yes and LeAnn, yes. Motion carried.

5. Director's Report:

Building:

-Petersen's was set to replace the furnace the first week in December. They still never made it here. Called after Christmas. They were apologetic for not getting it done yet, and for not calling and letting us know the time frame had changed. Still waiting for a new date.

-Windstorm on Dec 15 blew the attic cover off the roof of the Carnegie into the neighbor's (to the east) backyard. Chappell roofing replaced it and fixed shingle damage on the north building. They did not charge us for the repair.

Technology: Two new laptops from the Library Improvement Grant have arrived and been set up.

City Business:

-Advertised in the paper for two weeks for the part time position. Struggling to find interested/qualified people.

Library Events and Programming:

-Chocolate Lover's program set at the Bonham for Feb 10

Workshop Updates:

-CASTL cancelled.

Director Activities:

-Another regional, small library was approached by Newspaper Archives and offered a "Nebraska only" option, about \$600/yr., for subscriptions (in addition to larger regional subscription offers). We were only offered the larger, regional subscriptions when we signed on. I asked them 1) why we were not offered the "Nebraska only" option 2) if we could pro-rate our current subscription, and 3) if we can move to "Nebraska only" with our 2022-23 subscription. They did not answer #1, and for 2&3, they will not pro-rate our current subscription; however, they will credit us \$551 toward a "Nebraska only" 22-23 subscription. So, our 2022-23 subscription should almost be paid for with the credit.

-I looked into a Newspapers.com subscription instead of Newspaper Archives in the future.

Newspapers.com is a Proquest database and the cost for an institutional subscription (based on our population) is over \$3,000/yr.

-Kristine Hileman has moved out of town so has resigned as Foundation Board President.

- Working on Bibliostats
- Filed Erate Form 470
- Statistics usage about what is expected this time of the year and during the holidays.

6. Bills in the amount of \$18,283.79 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved. Stan 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 will be via Zoom. Debbie told the board about a CE grant for the MPLA Conference in Missoula. Stated that she needed to have the support of her board to attend the conference in order to apply for the grant. Stan made a motion to approve and support Debbie attending the conference if she attains the grant. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Eric, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held February 2, 2022.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause