

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday July 7, 2021

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, LeAnn Krause, and Eric Borch were present in person. Stan Smith, and Warner Krumme were absent. Our children's director Linda Dux 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 June 2nd minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the minutes be approved as written. Kristin seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Building:

- Mick Suey completed painting the outside of the Carnegie building
- Pollman's inspected and changed filter on north side A/C in the ceiling.
- Superior Water repaired and replaced sprinkler heads

Technology: Linda told us that Stan is there today updating the computers.

City Business:

- Mary is working on next year's budget. I have requested that I have the opportunity to go over the proposed budget and share it with my Governing Board for their approval before going to City Council.

Library Events and Programming:

- About 250 people attended the Henry Doorly Zoo presentation at the Bonham on Monday, June 14th.
- 24 people attended the Nebraska Game and Parks wildlife program on June 3rd in the library

Workshop Updates:

- Zoom CASTL meeting discussion about grants.

Director Activities:

- Did not receive the grant from the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation to help pay for a new furnace. At our August meeting we will discuss what our options are if we still move forward with replacing the furnace. We will be receiving funds through the Nebraska Library Commission from the Recovery Act, and there may actually be some money left in my repairs/maintenance line that could be used.

-*Newspaper Archives* Project still not complete. I have not heard back that the errors have been fixed and microfilm still not returned.

-Clark/Enersen was the only Architecture firm to respond to my request for information.

Representatives were here on June 17th to look at the facility and talk about what we are hoping to achieve in a remodel.

-Budget history: After nine months of the current budget, we could expect to have used 75% of the budget. We are well below that in almost every line except utilities. Summer A/C is not nearly as expensive as winter heating and we usually catch up by fall.

-Statistics: Door count, computer users, and circulation all continue to increase. Hopefully, even after summer reading is over, we will continue to see more traffic.

-Between June 24 and 28, our Facebook page was unpublished. No notification or explanation other than "it did not meet their community standards." I did not find out until I tried to schedule a post and was informed the page had been unpublished and "did I want to dispute the decision." I clicked yes and literally within minutes it was back up. Not sure if an actual human for some reason reported the page (?), or their algorithm found a word it didn't like. Seems like they should at least notify the page's admin before taking down a page.

Bills in the amount of \$17,19,380.94 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the minutes be approved as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

The director's annual evaluation was looked over and discussed by the three present. We are in agreeance that Debbie does a wonderful job. The evaluation worksheet was filled out and signed by Kristin to reflect the great job she does. The letter to the city was signed by the three board members there and Kristin was going to email the other two, to have them stop by and sign the letter also.

There is a CASTL meeting in Crete this month.

There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held August 4, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause