

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board
Wednesday July 5, 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, Krisitn Vaughn, members present were LeAnn Krause, Warner Krumme, Stan Smith and Eric Borch. Our children's director Tricia Borch was also present.

3.There were no comments from the public.

4.The June 7th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the minutes be approved as written. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; Stan, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

5.The Director's Report:

Building:

- Dan Lufkin finished the pillar work. Still has carpet to glue down
- FPM made a new handrail to replace the broken one on the Carnegie side and the city installed it.
- City installed another bike rack next to the existing one.
- Fairbury Glass hardwired the automatic door. No more batteries!
- Kelly Davis investigated our leaking window by the main door on the north side. He looked at the gutters, roof, and window. The gutters looked solid and lined with rubber. Pictures also showed the gutter is not continuous around the building. It starts on each side of the peaked roof and drains away. Kelly thinks the problem is from eroded caulking around the window and bricks and he re-caulked the window to see if that solves the problem. After the hard rain on 6/28, there was still evidence of water coming in. Kelly Is going to try taking a hose to it one level at a time to try and find the leak.
- Blue Valley came out to look at the attic and adding insulation. Received a quote for \$3,108.55.
- Mike Siebe cleaned the gutters. Had been asked to install a downspout on the SW corner of the north building before Kelly looked at what was going on up there (see pictures) and it was realized that installing a downspout was not going to do any potential good for our leaky window (the gutter does not connect between the window and the gutter west of the peak on the roof) so I cancelled the job. Siebe had already purchased and modified the downspout so we split the cost of the unused materials.

Technology:

- New color printer arrived. It does everything. Color copies, scans, and faxes. Just wow!

City Business:

- Still do not have a City Administrator.

- I met with the Mayor and two City Council members (Kelly Davis and Tim Polson) to discuss the 5-year plan. The priorities are to get the water problem fixed in the front window, get the plaster fixed and paint on the children's side, and put insulation in the attic. Window repair/replacement on the Carnegie is being looked at. Outside, fence removal and new signage was discussed.

- Turned in to Erin a preliminary budget for 2023-24. Except for salaries/benefits/insurance, I did not request any increase. There should be a discussion with the Mayor regarding big projects and plans for next year.

Library Events and Programming:

-Trish has had almost 100 kids sign up for the summer reading program. The adult program has about half that.

Director Activities:

-Although door count is down slightly, circulation was the greatest we've had in months.

-No meetings attended in June

6.Bills in the amount of \$6,466.27 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved and paid as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; Stan, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

7. Old Business: None.

8.New Business:

-The newly proposed charges for black and white, color copies and faxes were reviewed. LeAnn made a motion to adopt the new price for black and white copies, leave the cost of color copies the same, and raise the fax fee to \$1.00 for the first page and \$.50 for each page after. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; Stan, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

-Debbie has a CASTL meeting in Humbolt on July 28th.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held June 7, 2023.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause