

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

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, Kristin Vaughn, members present were LeAnn Krause, and Stan Smith, Sarah Moorman, and Warner Krumme arrived late. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The June 5th minutes were unable to be approved due to a lack of a quorum. When a quorum was assembled, Stan made a motion to approve the minutes with a written change. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes. Kristin and Sarah abstained. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report:

Building:

-Roof repairs from last year's hail storm completed

Technology:

- July 1st we switched to Windstream fiber from Spectrum cable for our Internet service

Library events and programming:

-June 7 – 115 people attended the Magician Adam White @ the Bonham

-June 4 – Three people visited with Nebraska author Tammy Marshall meet and greet @ the library

-June 18 – 17 people came to Jeff Barnes (through Humanities Nebraska) "To live and die on the plains"

@ the library

-There were 22 attendees at the three children's programs in June

-An average of 15 people/day participated in the four day "drop in crafts" event. A few came almost every day to work on different projects. Some only stopped in once to work on a specific project.

Director activities and other happenings:

-Busy with summer reading promotion and activities. As expected, library visits and material circulation were way up. More kids seem to be coming back using the library computers. Probably the most we've seen since COVID. Overdrive checkouts saw a year high at 680 (average is about 550-600).

6. Bills in the amount of \$3,0598.86 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved and paid as written. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

7. **Old Business:** None.

8. New Business:

The city council approved Stan Smith for another four-year term, they also approved our new member Sarah to take over the balance of Eric Borch's two-year term.

Accreditation of the library was discussed. Fairbury Public Library is compared to peer libraries based on population. We are at 170 points. Debbie will complete a few more tasks to gain more points. She explained to the board how our library would never achieve a gold status due to things beyond Debbie's control, such as the size of the collection and the amount in our budget. Debbie asked the board members to consider being on a committee to go over our Community Response Plan. Kristen agreed to sit on that committee, because she can obtain survey results to help fill out the plan, and other board members will try to find other people to help out.

July is historically the Director's annual evaluation time (anniversary of hire). A discussion was had about moving the evaluation closer to September during the city's evaluation period. A motion was made by Warner that the evaluation be tabled until next month's meeting. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held August 7th, 2024.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,