

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday June 2, 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 present via conference call. 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 May 5th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the minutes be approved as written. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

The Director's Report:

Building:

- Key stuck in door on Carnegie side. Fairbury Glass had to come out to remove and repair lock.
- Eves of Carnegie power washed to begin the painting process.

Technology:

City Business:

Library Events and Programming:

- About 40 people attended the first Summer Reading program on Saturday, 8th, parrots at the library.
- 200 people attended Adam White magician at the Bonham on Friday, May 28th
- Nebraska Game and Parks will be at the Library on June 3rd, and Henry Doorly Zoo at the Bonham on June 14th.

Workshop Updates:

- Zoom CASTL meeting
- Zoom WordPress workshop

Director Activities:

- Have not heard if we have been chosen as a recipient for a grant from the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation to help pay for a new furnace.

-The Foundation Board met in May. They approved a contribution for the 20% down payment for the Thrasher stabilization project. The project has been scheduled for August 16-18. They also approved splitting the cost with the city for the remainder of the cost for painting the Carnegie. They will have an email vote regarding their potential contribution to the replacement of the Carnegie furnace depending upon if we receive the Historical Society Grant, and which estimate the Governing Board approves. The Foundation Board Treasurer, Jenean Grenvik, will be setting up a Business PayPal account for the Foundation to make contributions easier.

-Update on the *Newspaper Archives* Project: It was assumed all of the newspapers were on-line and searchable. However, a final audit on my part revealed several missing reels of microfilm, as well as other errors. Once they fix the errors, I will check again before they return the microfilm.

-I contacted three potential architects (Clark/Enersen, BVH Architecture, and JEO Consulting Group). All were recommended by other southeast Nebraska libraries and have experience with Carnegie/Historic buildings. Ultimately, I hope to visit in person with all three. In addition to staff input, I would like as many Library Board members as possible to attend the visits. Once we have met with all three, and have estimates of a feasibility study and drawings, the Board will discuss the merits of each and vote on who we believe will most meet our needs. **Clark Enersen is scheduled to visit at 2:00 on Thursday, June 17.**

-An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has been installed in the library and I attended a CPR certification class

-We received an estate donation of over 500 books, many of them science fiction. As these books are all in excellent shape, and we don't currently have much science fiction, several of the titles will be added to the collection.

-We received our first credit, over \$150, from the Baker and Taylor sustainable shelves program.

-The Nebraska Library Commission has received funds through the American Recovery Act that they will be distributing to all accredited Nebraska Public Libraries. The amount should be between \$3,000-4,000.

Bills in the amount of \$17,099.77 were reviewed. A motion was made by Warner that the bills be approved and paid as written. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

-The Fairbury Public Library Behavior Policy was reviewed by all. Debbie believes it to be a good and solid policy and recommended no changes. Stan made a motion to approve the policy. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

- The Fairbury Public Library Disaster and Emergency Policy was also reviewed. There will be a few changes concerning the new AED, bomb threats, security cameras and what goes to the basement in the case of an emergency. Debbie explained the high points and after reading through them Eric made a motion to amend the Disaster Policy with changes made by Debbie. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

- Kristin is nearing the end of her time on the board of trustees. Debbie asked if she would like to stay on and Kristin said yes. Debbie will draft the letter to the mayor.

-There are no upcoming trainings.

There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held July 7, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause

