

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday March 2, 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, Eric Borch and Warner Krumme were present in person. Stan Smith was present via phone conference call. Director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The February 2nd 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:

-Furnace on the adult side blew the fuse again during the recent cold spell. When Pollmans came out to change it, they discovered the "three way disconnect" was bad. This apparently is an electrical problem they could not fix so I had to call Anything Electric to come and replace the part. They did not have the needed part, but were able to temporarily bypass the disconnect (through the breaker box) so we would still have heat.

City Business:

-Laura Bedlan approached me about a programming partnership with city for the Senior Center. The library will sponsor one or two Humanities programs a year that will be held at the Senior Center after lunch.

Library Events and Programming:

-Despite much promotion by both the library and the Bonham, only 32 people attended Chocolate Lover's program. There was a ton of chocolate to taste and the people who did attend seemed to enjoy the event.

Workshop Updates:

- CASTL held on Zoom again (AARP Homestead Act Tax Credit Form)
- Big Talk for Small Libraries Zoom Seminar
- Cataloging the Community Zoom Workshop

Director Activities:

-Patron Jerry Laue was caught three times drinking in the library. The first time we found cans in the men's trash and suspected it was him after the fact. The second time he was given a warning that if he was caught again, he would be banned from the library for 30 days. After apologizing and agreeing, two more empty cans were found that same evening and he was obviously impaired when leaving the library. He was given the 30-day ban, but at this point, he has not been back in the library to be advised of his suspension.

-I ordered two more connecting bookcases for the junior books on children's side with remainder of ARPA grant

-Weeded Christian Fiction

-The Fairbury Public Library Foundation met February 21. Ten people attended including two potential new members. The Board approved giving the library \$760 for the remainder of the cost of the children's shelves after the grant. Kristine Hileman's resignation was officially recognized and Sharon Krueger was nominated the new President.

-March 3rd, I will be attending Advocacy Day taking place at the Cornhusker Hotel and the Capital Building in Lincoln with two other librarians from our district and meeting with Representative Tom Brandt.

-Gate count, computer users, and checkouts are comparable to previous months and for February. Newspaper Archives showed more use than it had in several months. Mango also remains steady. I looked closer at Mango's use for our last fiscal year (2020-21). We had 608 sessions with an average session time of 27 minutes. This comes out to roughly \$1.81/27 minute session.

6. Bills in the amount of \$17,183.78 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved. Warner 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: The Personnel Policy was reviewed by all. There are some minor changes that Debbie will make to it. LeAnn made a motion to approve the changes to the Personnel Policy. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: Kristin, yes; Stan, yes. Eric, yes and LeAnn, yes. Motion carried.

Joyce Tracy would like to become a new Foundation Board Member. Eric made a motion to approve Joyce Tracy as the new Foundation Board Member. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: Kristin, yes; Stan, yes. Eric, yes and LeAnn, yes. Motion carried.

Debbie will be attending an Apollo user meeting in Seward on April 1th. She may take Linda Miller with her.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held April 6, 2022.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause