

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board
Wednesday March 1, 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 Kristin, LeAnn Krause, and Stan Smith, and Eric Borch. Warner Krumme was present via phone. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The February 1st 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; LeAnn, yes; Eric yes, and Warner, yes. Motion carried.

5. Director's Report:

Building:

-Diller Electric estimate for LED lights on the north side was only \$3,000. They also submitted a bid to retrofit the existing fixtures on the Carnegie side to accommodate LED lights for \$2,100. This compares to the \$7,200 bid for just the north side from Anything Electric. I contacted Slater Electric for a bid, but they never stopped by.

-Paul Schram has completed some work on the pillar removals. Holes have been filled and the "whole" pillar has been stabilized and is now a step in front of the children's circulation desk. He still needs to sand and stain the walls.

-The bike rack was damaged during snow removal last week. The city has been notified.

City Business:

-Still do not have a City Administrator.

Library Events and Programming:

- Seven people attended the "Beginner Lint Art" class at the library February 9

Director Activities:

-Door count, computer use, circulation, and Overdrive use all remain steady

-Still weeding adult fiction. Staff working on library inventory.

-No meetings attended in person last month. Virtual meetings included CASTL presentation about Golden Sower Awards both myself and Trish watched, and an all day "Big Talk for Small Libraries" Webinar. Linda, Trish, and I all watched part of it.

-Foundation meeting held February 20. Six people were in attendance. There was no old business to discuss or major fund requests made. New business just consisted of the Director's report for the previous three months.

6. Bills in the amount of \$20,277.48 reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the bills be approved. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Eric, yes; Warner, yes, and Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

7. Old Business: Warner is still working on accreditation due April of 2023.

8. New Business: The Collection Development and Request for Reconsideration policies were reviewed. Debbie provided the board members with the document and the proposed edits via email. After much discussion a motion was made by LeAnn to accept the Collection Development policy with edits that were made by Debbie. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Eric, yes; Warner, yes, and Kristin, yes. Motion carried. The Request for Reconsideration policy was also reviewed and discussed. a motion was made by LeAnn to accept the Collection Development policy with edits that were made by Debbie. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Eric, yes; Warner, yes, and Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

Debbie presented the board members with a Certificate of Board Affirmation. Prior to the meeting she provided the necessary reading material, containing the Library Bill of rights, Freedom to Read Statement and Freedom to View Statement to make an informed decision about signing this declaration. Each board member consented and those present signed the certificate. Warner Krumme will still need to sign at a later time.

Fee structures for searches was discussed. The library currently charges \$5.00 per search, this will not change. The librarians and staff have agreed that they will no longer do open ended searches. A patron must provide a date or month or name in order to complete a simple search. If a patron presents with an open search, library staff will provide him/her with ways to complete the search on their own.

There is a CASTL meeting in Superior on March 24th. Debbie Plans to attend the upcoming Advocacy Day in Lincoln.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held April 5, 2023.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause