

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board
Wednesday May 5, 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 April 7th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the minutes be approved as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

The Director's Report:

Library Events and Programming:

-Summer reading sign up has begun. The first program is this Saturday, 8th, parrots at the library. We also have Adam White magician at the Bonham on May 28th, Nebraska Game and Parks at the Library on June 3rd, and Henry Doorly Zoo at the Bonham on June 14th. Reading continues until the middle of July when prizes are drawn for.

Workshop Updates:

-In person Apollo Users Group workshop in Seward

Director Activities:

-Mick Suey is going to paint the outside of the Carnegie this summer. The estimated cost is \$7,000 which includes lead paint mitigation and high-quality paint and metal prep adhesive.

-I submitted the grant Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation to help pay for a new furnace. Recipients will be announced June 1st. I will be asking the Library Foundation if they would split the cost of the difference with the city if we are awarded the \$5,000. If I am unsuccessful in getting the grant, we may still need to talk about replacing the furnace, and split the entire cost between the city and the Foundation.

-At the May meeting, I will also be asking the Foundation if they will contribute the 20% down payment for the Thrasher stabilization project. I also need to give Mary the finalized estimate, and cost to the city, so she can make sure City Council is on board. I don't anticipate a problem, but it is a large sum of money and I want to be sure they know what to expect.

-Update on the *Newspaper Archives* Project: All of the newspapers are on-line and searchable. We are still waiting the return of the microfilm

-I have still not contacted an Architect firm. That will be accomplished in May.

-COVID protocol update: Since reopening, masks have been required for kids to be on the computers. But since the schools no longer require masks, most kids do not even have them available anymore. So, like adult patrons, it will be recommended that kids wear masks, but not required. The Public Health Solutions dial is still slightly in the yellow. When that dial drops to green, and as long as it remains in the green, masks will be optional for staff as well. Four of us are vaccinated, the other two are not likely to be. As a county we are likely to never have enough people vaccinated to obtain herd immunity, so at some point it will be up individuals to decide what they are comfortable with. Masks will still be required for staff at the request of either the Bonham Theater or Nebraska Game and Parks events this summer if requested by them.

Bills in the amount of \$17,448.91 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: None.

There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held June 2, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause