

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday November 7, 2018

7:00 pm

601 7th Street, Fairbury, NE 68352

The regular meeting of the Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by vice president, Stan Smith. Members present were LeAnn Krause and Eric Borch. Warner Krumme and Kristin Vaughn were absent. 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 October 3rd minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the minutes be approved as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Eric, yes; Stan, abstained. Motion carried.

The Director's Report:

Building:

- Water fountain on the children's side not draining. Tried some liquid plumber but still won't drain. Black gunk comes out of it. Called Petersen's. They tried snaking it out but could not get past curve in pipes. Will come back later and take it off the wall to see if they can get to the clog that way. If not, we will just leave it off permanently.
- There still seems to be new peeling and water stains in Linda's office, despite the repaired hole and cleaning from last month. There is also a strong smell of mold around window frame and wall.
- Baby changing station put up in the women's restroom.
- Debbie turned off, drained sprinkler pipes

City Business:

- Margaret Junker and I met with Collin and the mayor regarding structural and other repair work that needs done. A plan was agreed upon to start the work

Library Events and Programming:

- Linda had about 75 people attend the Harry Potter Halloween party on October 25th
- The free NET Nebraska movie shown at the Bonham October 12 had about 50 attendees
- Linda's new STEAM program has been very popular with 9-12 kids attending every week

Workshop Updates:

- Attended CASTL in Deshler and talked about Annual Reports.
- Linda attended the NLA conference
- Debbie attended the MPLA (Mountain Plains Library Association) Conference in Wichita

Director Activities:

- The storywalk was completed. The 2nd graders from Central Elementary came over for a “grand opening” publicity event. Response has been overwhelming positive. Just based on people/families that signed the book at the end of the walk, almost 200 have viewed the book. I plan on putting a new one out as close to monthly as I can. The Thanksgiving selection was put out 11/5.

Bills in the amount of \$3,184.58 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved and paid as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

1. Library structural repairs were spearheaded by Margaret Junker. Thrasher came out to check the basement to be sure it is sound before proceeding. Margaret and her husband accompanied them, and later showed the areas in need to Debbie and then in turn to Collin. The most pressing area is getting the two crawlspaces covered with a vapor barrier and insulation. Collin said that the city would take care of this expense. The other issue is the settling of the building in the southeast corner. Having that area jacked up and supported, so it cannot settle further. Newer gutters and having the southeast side of the building tuck pointed were also on the list.
2. Debbie asked that the library be allowed to close at 4 pm on the Friday after Thanksgiving so employees could spend time with families. She would also like to close at 4 pm on Christmas Eve. This was not on the agenda. Eric made a motion to amend the agenda to include closing early on Christmas Eve. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes and Eric, yes. Motion carried. After no further discussion, Eric made a motion that the library close at 4 pm on both the Friday after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes and Eric, yes. Motion carried.
3. There will be an upcoming CASTL meeting this Friday that Debbie will attend.

There was no further discussion. Reminder of next regular board meeting on December 5, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause