

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board
Wednesday November 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, Stan Smith, Warner Krumme and Eric Borch were present in person. Trish Vculek was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The October 5th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the minutes be approved as written. Warner seconded. Stan brought a typographical error to light at the top of the second page. LeAnn will correct the October 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Eric that the minutes be approved after amended. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: Kristin, yes; Stan, yes; Eric, yes; Warner, yes and LeAnn, yes. Motion carried.

5. Director's Report:

Building:

- Still no estimate from Anything Electric for switching to LED lighting on the north side.
- I have reached out to Paul Schram twice since the last Board meeting regarding pillar removals and attic insulation on the Carnegie. Have yet to hear back from him.
- Siebe's out to clean gutters. Will come back later to reattach downspout on east side of the Carnegie

Technology:

- Solid state hard drive put in Children's Librarian's computer.

City Business:

- Still do not have paperwork for 2022-23 budget and new collective bargaining agreements.
- No new City Administrator hired yet.

Library Events and Programming:

- Talked about challenges and Reconsideration Policies Hebron CASTL. Although book challenges and other attacks on our freedom to read have not directly affected Fairbury yet, at some point in the not-too-distant future we need to take a closer look at our Collection Policy, Request for Reconsideration Policy, and commitment to the Library's Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read and View declarations.
- Attended NLA conference in Kearney Oct 5-6
- Approximately 38 kids and their parents (52 in total) attended the Halloween party on the 29th. The response was very positive and the staff did a great job!
- I am going to try a "Coffee, Cookies, and Christmas Crafts" program on December 14th.

Director Activities:

- Trish Vculek started as new Children's Librarian. She has jumped in with both feet and is quickly figuring things out and learning the responsibilities of the job. We have her registered to take the Nebraska

Library Commission's Basic Skills Courses, and she will be attending the Summer Reading Workshop in Lincoln on December 9.

-Jeorgia Kleinbohl resigned after only three weeks. I would like to go ahead and hire Connie Jurgena who interviewed at the same time as Jeorgia. She is currently out of town so I hope to speak with her in person next week.

-Both circulation and gate count were up last month. Computer users is down, mostly because kids just are not coming in after school. The adult book discussion now has 17 possible members (18 in the summer). Usually, though, no more than 12 are able to attend each month, so the number is still manageable. However, we are not having any participants in our attempts for kid's story time.

-The owner of the local used bookstore passed away. I have been working with her brother to help him find homes for all her used books (in the store and at home) that won't cost him any money and doesn't involve throwing them away or giving them to us.

6. Bills in the amount of \$18,750.67 were reviewed. A motion was made by Warner that the bills be approved. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Eric, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes, and Warner, yes. Motion carried.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

-Debbie has an upcoming CASTL meeting in Pawnee City on November 17, 2022.

-Debbie has an Apollo training in Seward on November 4, 2022.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held December 7, 2022.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause