

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday October 7, 2020

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, present in person with LeAnn Krause and our director, Debbie Aden. Warner Krumme, and Eric Borch were present via teleconference. Stan Smith was absent.

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 September 2020 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Warner that the minutes be approved as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes, and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Building:

-Thrasher will be out this month to inspect the basement work completed two years ago.

Library Events and Programming:

-Linda has had between 2-6 people attending story times on Tuesday evenings.

-During the month of October, patrons can take home a foam craft pumpkin and decorate it however they like. If they bring it back for display, they will get a coupon for a free movie at the Bonham.

-We are planning a "toned down" Halloween party on October 31. Participants will be limited and they must pre-register. The party will be cancelled if there is a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in the area, especially in the schools.

Workshop Updates:

-CASTL was held in Humboldt. Discussions once again centered around COVID-19 and what individual libraries are doing/not doing.

Director Activities:

-We made about \$185 during the "Trail of Treasures" book sale.

-Adult 100-800 nonfiction books were weeded prior to the book sale. The shelves and collection look much nicer.

-September 28-October 2 was the ARSL virtual conference. One day I traveled to Crete for a group watch party, the rest of the week I watched sessions in my office.

-The book content from RBDigital was migrated to Overdrive in September and will no longer be available through RGDigital. Magazines can still be checked out through RBDigital until January when our contract expires.

-The Newspaper Archives project is moving ahead. Enough money was raised through donations to pay for the first year's subscription and to begin the digitizing of the microfilm.

Bills in the amount of \$5,067.85 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved and paid as written. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. A change of library hours was discussed. Knowing that there are not many patrons in after 7:00 pm, Debbie would like to change the hours from Tuesday and Thursday to 8:00 pm, to Monday – Thursday until 7 pm. A motion was made by LeAnn that the hours at the library reflect the change above. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.
2. The questions Debbie had about board member term limits were succinctly answered by the city's attorney. No changes will be made to the By-Laws concerning board member term limits.
3. For beginning of the newspaper project, Debbie would like to offer donors on the project a one-year complimentary library card as a thank you. This may act as an incentive for a donor to once again contribute to the project. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved and paid as written. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.
4. There will be a CASTL Meeting in Crete on October 23.

Other Business

There was no other discussion or business.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause