

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday October 6, 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, Stan Smith were present in person. Warner Krumme and Eric Borch were absent. Our Children's Librarian Linda Dux 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 September 1st minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the minutes be approved as written. Kristin seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Kristin, yes; Stan, yes. Motion carried.

The Director's Report:

Building:

- Thrasher came out and evaluated the site. They will be out on November 9th to repair (support) the concrete and fix the grading
- Fairbury glass replaced a broken pane of glass in the middle window on the southeast side of the Carnegie. They also moved the top window back up (the supporting chord had broken, eventually breaking the lock and falling which was probably what broke the window.) and permanently affixed it so it could not fall again.
- Petersen's have been called every week since the last Board meeting to make arrangements for the furnace replacement. Finally informed today that the parts have just come in and they will be reaching out in the near future to set up a time to complete the work.

Library Events and Programming:

- Annual Halloween party and costume party will be 3-5 on the 29th.

Workshop Updates:

- In person CASTL at York. Discussion centered on current grant opportunities

Director Activities:

- Newspaper Archives* project continues. Linda is working with them to try and figure out the printing problems we seem to be having. No word yet on when the microfilm will be returned.
- The new City Administrator did not understand why we have never been paid mileage when using our own vehicles when we travel to CASTL or other workshops and conferences. I told him I had always been told time or mileage, you can't have both, which I never understood. There also is not nearly enough money in the travel line to cover this and was told just to do request reimbursement, know they line will end in the negative, and ask for more money in it next year. So, that's what we're going to do.
- The Storywalk sidewalk is almost finished. Today, I set flags where the new posts will be located. Laura is hoping for a "grand opening" of all the new stuff by the end of the month.
- Finished weeding the adult fiction
- Trail of treasures book sale was the first weekend in October. We didn't have a lot of business and only made about \$200.

-Working on Youth for Excellence and Library Improvement grants offered this fall from the Nebraska Library Commission. For the youth grant we are still trying to do some kind of "birthday book club" where kids get a book on their birthday every year until they're five. For the library improvement grant we are requesting money for a new projector and two new laptops.

-Even though the weather remains summer like, our door count, computer users, and materials circulated have continued their decline into the fall from their summer high.

Bills in the amount of \$27,940.90 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Election of officers for 2021-2022 officers was held. Stan made a motion that all current officers retain their current positions. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes. Motion carried.

Debbie has upcoming CASTL meeting at Falls City on October 9, 2021.

There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held November 3, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause