

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday October 4, 2023

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 the president, Kristin Vaughn, members present were Eric Borch, Stan Smith, LeAnn Krause, and Warner Krumme. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The September 6th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric that the minutes be approved as written. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report: Building:

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-The actual container holding the liquid soap was stolen/taken out of the dispenser on the wall in the men's room. (Why!?)

-Petersen's replaced the water fountain. I was hoping it would have been replaced in time to be covered under last year's budget. Unfortunately, it took longer than expected to come in.

Technology:

-We never received the three computers back from the State Patrol and the incident in July. The insurance company has denied the claim to replace them. We will be fine for the winter, but will need to have a plan to replace them by next spring before the kids get out of school.

City business:

-2023-24 budget approved. Except for salaries and insurance, there was no increase in operating budget. The increase for insurance costs was significant as the HSA benefit for employees had basically never been funded. There was a \$5,000 increase in the *Transfers from the General* fund, which was the first increase since it was reduced to \$230,000 from 250,000 in the 2018-2019 budget. There was a significant reduction in the *Capital Special* fund, resulting in an overall reduction in budget of about \$7,400.

Library events and programming:

-Trish planning the Halloween party which will be held on Oct 28th.

Director activities and other happenings:

-Attendance, circulation, and electronic use stats down pretty much across the board, except for Libby which remains steady.

-Weeding and preparing for *Trail of Treasures* sale October 6-7

-Attended the ARSL (Association for Rural and Small Libraries) conference in Wichita. Many of the sessions I attended were related to community discussions and strategic planning as the library will be going through the accreditation process in 2024. Other interesting sessions included A.I. and how it can be used in the library and library programming ideas for next year's solar eclipse.

6. Bills in the amount of \$2,947.55 were reviewed. A motion was made by Warner that the bills be approved and paid as written. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

7. Old Business: None.

8. New Business:

- The Open Meetings Act policy was read by the board members. Debbie proposed no changes, and the board agreed. LeAnn made a motion to accept and keep the policy as is. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.
- The solicitation and Display policy was also reviewed. Debbie is going to add a sentence to clarify what type of signs may not be posted on library property. Stan made a motion to approve the policy with the added sentence. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.
- There is a CASTL meeting in Wymore on October 27th.

9. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held October 4, 2023.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause