

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday September 2, 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, Eric Borch, Stan Smith and our director, Debbie Aden. Warner Krumme was also present via teleconference.

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

Director's Report

Building:

-The outside carpet and glue projects have finally been completed.

City Business:

-We are back to our "pre-Covid" hours and are open again on Saturdays 9-1 and Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 8pm.

Library Events and Programming:

-Story times have moved to Tuesday evenings beginning September 1st.

- Kris Stone won the Kindle in the Historic Trail Walk Challenge

-During August we had a Facebook Book Challenge inviting patrons to share pictures of their favorite books in different categories. For each book shared they earned a chance to win one of the American Express gift cards. Gift cards were won by Janice Bell and Sherry Bendorf.

-Women's suffrage pop up exhibit sponsored by the National Archives Museum was on display at the library during the month of August. It will remain up through September.

Workshop Updates:

-Seven fellow librarians joined me here for the August CASTL meeting. It was pretty low key, discussions held on a variety of topics including Covid-19, programming, and the upcoming ARSL conference.

Director Activities:

-Since we reopened in June, we have made about \$470 from book sales. The book sale will continue through the weekend of Oct 2-3 during the "Trail of Treasures."

-There was a Fairbury Public Library Foundation Board meeting August 17th. Two members, Darcy Brown and Cheryl Lofing will have completed their 3rd four-year terms in November, making them ineligible to continue on the Board according to their bylaws. Jerry Ebke will also be stepping down. Jenean Zunk was a visitor at the meeting and is interested in joining the Board, subject to the Library Board's approval. Two other people have been suggested as possible members and will be invited to the next Foundation meeting.

-Two new part time employees, Mariel Ramos and Jonni Hemphill were hired to replace Dani and Theresa. They are being trained and will be taking over their shifts the middle of September.

-Recorded Books (audiobooks, ebooks, and digital magazines) have been bought out by Overdrive. The book content will be migrated over sometime in September and will no longer be available through RGDigital. The magazines will remain until January when our contract expires.

Bills in the amount of \$ 19,507.63 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved and paid as written. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; Eric, yes; and Stan, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda:

1. Debbie told us about the Foundation's prospective board member, Jenean Zunk, and that Cindy Weichel had invited her. Kristin signed a letter inviting her to serve on the board. Their next regular meeting is in November.
2. Steve Tamerius sent a letter to Debbie requesting that she digitize the microfilm in the library. This would include the local newspaper from its earliest date of print through 1977. This could be done for free, but there is a subscription fee of \$1100.00 to be able to access it. The subscription would also include access to their national database of newspapers. Debbie said that she would ask him to cover the subscription cost. She added that she would consider contributing the \$200.00 left over from the genealogy money.
3. The Computer and Internet Usage policy was reviewed by all. Debbie had a few semantic changes she wanted made, but stated that it was a very sound policy. Eric made a motion to accept the policy as written. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes, and Eric, yes. Motion carried.
4. Term limits for board members was discussed. The change being that a board member was limited to serving two continuous terms, and then would have to step down for a term. The same board member could then be asked to serve again. The change was proposed tonight to be voted on at next months regular meeting. Comment was made that the change in bylaws may not be allowed by city code. Debbie with speak with Mary Renn, City Administrator, and have her run it by the City Attorney.
5. There are two upcoming trainings. CASTL in Humboldt on September 25, and ARSL, which will be attended virtually, but if possible, Debbie would like to go to a couple different places to watch.

There was no further business or discussion.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held October 7, 2020.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause