

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday September 1, 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, Eric Borch and Stan Smith were present in person. Warner Krumme attended via conference call. Our director Debbie Aden 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 August 4th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the minutes be approved as written. Eric seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Kristin, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

The Director's Report: Building:

-Spoke with Trevor at Pollman's regarding the water dripping from the ceiling. The problem is not the drain from the unit to the men's room, but condensation from the coils was missing the condensation pan and dripping directly to the floor, which then dripped eventually dripped through the ceiling. The problem was worse during the extreme heat and humidity. A larger condensation pan was installed that should be able to catch all the condensation, theoretically solving the problem.

-August 17-18 Thrasher completed the foundation stabilization project. Before leaving, I confirmed that any damage to the sprinkler system had been repaired and assured that it had, pointing out a new sprinkler head next to the concrete pad with the air conditioning units, and the concrete they dug up and had repaired. About a week later, Judd Stewart (lawn care guy) emailed me to let me know that there was a sprinkler head on the ground east of the building and south of the other sprinkler head, and there were obvious ruts where water had run and been sitting next to the building. I contacted Thrasher and they agreed to let us get it repaired locally and would take \$200 off the invoice for the project. When Superior Water Conditioning (Dave) came out to repair the head, he discovered the fitting connecting the water line to the sprinkler head had been broken and an attempt made to duct tape it back on. Additionally, the head they replaced was the wrong kind for the zone (used more water, pulled too much from the rest of the system) and was placed way to far above ground. In the process of burying it, he pulled the form off the edge of the concrete they replaced. There appears to be a lot of space between the concrete and the ground (settling). His opinion was that with freezing and thawing, there is a good chance of the concrete cracking/breaking away from the foundation of the building. With the settling of the dirt, the ground also slopes toward the building.

Technology:

City Business:

Library Events and Programming:

-21 people attended the Jeff Barnes program (Marking Nebraska) on August 26 here at the library. It was a nice size crowd and the presentation was very interesting and well received.

Workshop Updates:

-Zoom workshop about mental health and how libraries and help with awareness

Director Activities:

-*Newspaper Archives* project continues. My last audit found two reels still not in the database. There were also some missing editions, but without the reels, I do not know if they are just missing from the originals, or they also have not been added.

-Foundation Board met August 16. They agreed to contribute half, or up to \$5,000 for the furnace replacement. A PayPal account request has been submitted and is waiting for approval. Maxine Schoenrock attended as a guest. She is interested in joining the Foundation upon the governing board's approval.

-Recovery Act Grant update: The new laminator is here. I have not had a chance to try it out yet. The backing sheets for the Storywalk will be shipped as soon as they receive payment. The metal posts for the Storywalk have been ordered and should be delivered well before the relocation of the posts once the sidewalk is finished. The next year of *Newspaper Archives* has been paid for. There is still \$1,600 left in the grant. We have until May to spend it.

-I have hired Paige Patton as the new part time employee.

-Door count, computer users, and materials circulated all dropped with the return of kids to school

Bills in the amount of \$39,616.75 were reviewed. Jed Vaughn will come look at the concrete to see if there is a problem that will require further attention by Thrasher. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved with the exception of the Thrasher bill. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; Warner, yes and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion was held and the board was of like mind to use Petersen's to replace the furnace on the Carnegie side.

New Business: The board members were given a copy of the budget for the 2021-2022 year. The budget for the upcoming year is to remain flat. Debbie is satisfied with last year's budget. She would like to be able to approve the budget before it goes to city council. Stan made a motion to approve the proposed 2021-2022 budget. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; Warner, yes and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

-Debbie invited Maxine Schoenrock to the last Foundation meeting. She was interested in being on the board, and Debbie asked if she would. Eric made a motion to approve having Maxine become a Foundation Board member. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; Warner, yes and Eric, yes. Motion carried.

-Debbie may have an upcoming workshop in York this month. Covid dependent.

There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held October 6, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause