

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

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 Sarah Moorman, LeAnn Krause, Stan Smith and Warner Krumme was absent. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The October 2nd minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the minutes be approved as written. Sarah seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report:

Building:

-Petersen's installed a new filter in the water fountain

Technology:

-E-rate for our new fiber Internet has still not been applied to the current fiscal year (7/1) by Windstream. I have been in contact with multiple people trying to get it fixed.

City Business:

-Received the budget numbers for fiscal year 24-25. No changes were made to my requests. The overall budget numbers were the same as the previous year, just allocated to different lines. There was an increase in the amount moved from the general account, narrowing the gap between what is budgeted and what we actually receive. Although, there was an error in one of the lines (an extra 0 was added to a number), which may by default increase the amount transferred from the general budget. The error was fixed and I will see next month how that affects our general funding.

-The Mayor is giving city employees the Friday after Thanksgiving off as an extra paid day off. The library, however, will remain open regular hours that day, staffed by part time employees.

Library events and programming:

-Lego club only had about half as many kids as September (24)

-The STEM program had about the same number of participants (9)

-The two final National Park video tours only had 3 and 5 participants.

-Trish is going to have a winter reading program from December 1st through February 28th .

-We are going to try a Christmas drop in craft week between Dec 9-13 with a variety of crafts that can accommodate various ages.

-Trish participated in "trunk or treat" for the library. Her and her husband did a fantastic job with their "trunk" and costumes.

-Halloween party on the 26th didn't have as many participants as in the past, but there were a couple of competing events happening on the same morning.

Director activities and other happenings:

-Circulation and computer users remained steady this month. The door count was up by almost 50% from September, probably from all the various programs going on this month.

-Overdrive use was way up, primarily from a single user checking out a lot of magazines.

- Short turn-around time for the 5-year re-accreditation application and Community Response Plan submitted last month to the Nebraska Library Commission. The library is now accredited through December 31, 2029.

-Beginning November 13, Southeast Community College is going to hold ESL classes here on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-8 through the end of May term

-Debbie attended the Nebraska Library Association Conference in Kearney. Participated in a presentation about library sponsored Storywalks.

-Attended CASTL in Beatrice. Topic was the annual Institute of Museum and Library Services report due every February to the Nebraska Library Commission.

6. Bills in the amount of \$3,496.71 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; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

7. New Business: Debbie would like to close the library at 5:00 instead of 7:00 on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve. A motion was made by LeAnn that the library close early on those three dates. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

8. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held on December 4th, 2024.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause