

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Thursday, January 2, 2025

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

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The December 4th minutes were reviewed. Stan made a motion to approve the minutes. Kristin seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report:

Building:

- Still waiting for Pollmans to come out for our "fall furnace check" and to change the filter
- Anything Electric had to repair the electric heater in Trish's office.

Technology:

- E-rate has finally been applied. Since we won't be changing providers next year, this hopefully will not be a problem moving forward

City Business:

- After snowstorms, the city will plow my parking lot and the sidewalk around the corner lot. Library staff is responsible for hand shoveling the stairs and ramp area. I have spoken with several people (Chuck Darrow, Dennis Wurm, and Judd Stewart), about hiring them to complete this part of the snow clean-up, but they are all unavailable and don't have any suggestions for anyone else to contact.

Library events and programming:

- Lego club not quite as busy as earlier in the fall, but there is a core group coming on a regular basis.
- Winter reading program officially began December 1. So far 14 kids have signed up.
- The Jeffs Gone Mad Christmas party was a big success with 47 people attending.
- We had 47 drop-in sessions during the Christmas drop in craft week. Some people only came once. Others came multiple times. The diamond art ornaments were especially popular.

Director activities and other happenings:

- Trish attended the Summer Reading Workshop at Walt Library in Lincoln.
- Nate Vculek has given his notice. His last day will be January 24th. The position has been advertised on the city Website.
- Our three-year locked in subscription rate with Mango languages has expired. The service does get used, and with the ESL classes now being held at the library, hopefully will get more use. They have offered a five-year contract with an average price per year slightly lower than what we are currently paying. I don't have money in my budget for that full amount, so I am working with the Foundation to pay it up front, and every year the city will pay the Foundation back for that year's cost.
- I have started weeding the adult non-fiction section.

6. Bills in the amount of \$2,171.71 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. **Current Business:** The board reviewed the current Personnel Policy with the changes that Debbie had made. A motion was made by Stan that the bills be approved and paid as written. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

8. **Announcements or other discussion:** The next regular meeting is Wednesday February 5, 2025.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause