

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday, February 5, 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 via phone. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The January 2nd minutes were reviewed. Stan made a motion to approve the minutes. Sarah seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes. Kristin and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report:

Building:

-Pollman's finally out to change furnace filters

-Petersen's came out to snake out the drain in the men's room and replace the flapper in a toilet.

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:

-Just before the January snowstorm, I finally found someone (Tom Bramhall) who would clear my sidewalks and stairs from the street to the doors. As it turned out, the city has a snowblower now and they initially cleared the sidewalks up to the door. Bramhall came along the next day to clear any remaining snow on the sidewalks and the stairs. It was extremely appreciated to come in Monday morning and have clear walks. I met with Tony Biehl with Public Works and they are going to continue an initial cleaning and I will keep Bramhall to do touch up if needed and the stairs. The city is also going to take over mowing my lawn in the summer. Judd Stewart will continue to fertilize/condition the lawn.

Library events and programming:

-Jeffs Gone Mad are planning an Easter party at the library April 19th

Director activities and other happenings:

-Fewer visits and computer users this month, but circulation of physical and digital materials remained constant. Newspaper Archives had much more than average use in January.

-Hired a new Library Aid only to have her quit the next day for medical reasons.

-Keylin Cleaning service has been cleaning the library since August 2018 for \$75/week. She has requested an increase to \$90/week.

-Finished the annual report to the State

-Prepared the annual report to City Council

-Continued weeding adult non-fiction

6. Bills in the amount of \$4,564.76 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; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

7. Current Business:

- The board reviewed the Annual Report with Debbie. She explained the differences in the numbers. A motion was made by LeAnn that the Annual Report be approved as written. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

8. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held on March 5, 2025.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause