

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board
Wednesday, March 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 Stan Smith, Sarah Moorman, and Warner Krumme via phone. LeAnn Krause was absent. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3.There were no comments from the public.

4.The February 5th minutes were reviewed. Warner made a motion to approve the minutes. Sarah seconded. Votes were as follows: Stan, yes; Warner, yes. Kristin and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

5.The Director's Report:

Building:

-No problems

Technology:

-No problems

City Business:

-Debbie met with Brad Kuzelka and Mayor Davis regarding the year-round part-time position salaries.

Library events and programming:

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

-During National Library Week, we will be featuring two StickTogether™ 40" x 36" mosaic puzzle posters that everyone can help complete. These posters have pictures with nearly 4,000 squares waiting to be filled in with 1/2" colored stickers. Everyone who visits the library will receive 10 stickers to place on the poster, plus an additional 5 for every item checked out. As more stickers are put on the poster, you'll be able to see what the image is. There will be a different poster on each side of the library. The first person to correctly guess what the picture is will receive a small Casey's gift card.

Director activities and other happenings:

-Despite being a short month, and experiencing the coldest temps of the season, library visits, computer use, and circulation remained fairly steady for this time of the year. However, the cold temps had a significant impact on programming, resulting in the cancelation of a book discussion group and LEGO club.

-Presented annual report to the City Council

-Continued weeding adult non-fiction

-Struggled to find someone to fill our 3rd part-time position. Finally hired Zoe Schlagel, a local high school student.

-The Fairbury Public Library Foundation met last month. Due to the weather it was a small group. The email vote to pay the five-year discounted subscription for Mango, with yearly re-imbursement from the city, was officially entered into the record. Discussed biannual report to the state and annual IRS 990N filing.

6. Bills in the amount of \$3,952.51 were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the bills be approved and paid as written. Sarah seconded. Votes were as follows: Stan, yes; Warner, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

7. Current Business:

- The board had a discussion regarding City Capital Improvement Plan projects. Of the six projects submitted two years ago, two were completed (insulation in the Carnegie attic and conversion to LED lighting). It was decided to submit the other four again, and one new one: fixing the water damage on the interior walls on the Carnegie side and repaint the entire interior of the Carnegie.
- Debbie will be attending a Wordpress workshop in Crete on March 14th
- Debbie Will be attending a CASTL meeting in Fairmont on March 20th.

8. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held on April 2, 2025.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Aden