

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday, May 7, 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, Sarah Moorman and Stan Smith. Warner Krumme was present by phone. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The April 3rd minutes were reviewed. Kristen made a motion to approve the minutes. Sarah seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Kristin and Sarah, yes. Stan and Warner abstained as they weren't at the last meeting. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report

Building:

-The new roof seems to have solved our leaky window problem by the west entrance. Even with the couple of hard rains we have had this spring, there has been no evidence of water on the window sill or dripping down the wall

Technology:

-New server is in, has not been installed

City Business:

-Attended the first monthly department head meeting. I appreciate the opportunity to hear more about what is going on with the rest of the city and letting others know what is happening in the library.

Library events and programming:

-58 people attended the Jeffs Gone Mad Easter party at the library April 19th

-54 people contributed toward our Sticker Puzzle pictures during National Library Week.

-Lego club still going strong. Trish is taking a break in May, then will go back to weekly programs starting in June.

-Gearing up for summer reading program. Sign up starts May 12th and goes through July 18.

Director activities and other happenings:

-Visits and computer use both up. Circulation remains steady. Mango use also up last month.

-Continued weeding adult non-fiction

-Attended Apollo (our library information system, catalog) workshop in Seward

-The Library is applying to become a Nebraska Pollinator Habitat certified site through Nebraska Extension. To qualify we must meet specific guidelines and have plants available spring, summer, and fall that attract pollinators.

-Update on Trump's Executive Order eliminating the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS): A D. C. Judge has granted a temporary restraining order to block the dismantling of IMLS. However, even with the temporary restraining order in place, Congress must still include funding of IMLS for next year. We have felt the first impact of the Executive Order with the elimination of "content credit" earned when we loan our materials, both print, and digital, to other libraries. On average, we earned about

\$700/year that was applied toward our Nebraska Overdrive and World Cat subscriptions. Unless funding is restored, it will now have to come out of my budget.

6. Bills in the amount of \$3,695.86 were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the bills be approved and paid as written. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Kristin, yes; Stan, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

7. Current Business:

- The board reviewed the Patron Privacy Policy with Debbie. A motion was made by LeAnn that the policy be approved as written. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

- The board reviewed the Unattended Persons Policy with Debbie. Debbie explained to the board why it was change from unattended children to unattended persons. A motion was made by Stan that the policy be approved as written. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

-Debbie will be attending the Southeast Library System Training Extravaganza in Seward on May 9th.

8. There was no further business. The next regular meeting will be held on June 4, 2025.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause