

Notice of this meeting was given in advance with a legal notice posted in the Bridgeport News-Blade. An agenda was delivered to each board member and to the city office.

Meeting was called to order on January 3, 2023 at 5:29 pm. Roll call was taken. Members present: Thomas Millette, Amanda Reilly, Rhea Basa, Janelle Kesterson, Chuck Murrell. Absent: none.

Also present: Library Director, Melissa Butler

Chairperson Chuck Murrell announced: "In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a copy of the Open Meeting Act is available for review and is posted in the meeting room."

Items added to the agenda include:

Summer Reading Training

New employee hire

Internship Grant

Minutes of the December 2022 meeting were presented. Motion by Millette, second by Kesterson to approve the minutes. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Basa, Kesterson, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Bills were presented. Butler explained EBSCO, the company we use for magazine subscriptions, was paid for the year. She also pointed out December's gas bill was significantly higher this year than this time last year. It is likely caused by the bitter cold we had this year and higher gas prices in general. She also noticed the programming on the thermostats was not set properly for during off hours. Kesterson suggested calling the gas company, if the bill continues to be higher than normal. Motion by Reilly, seconded by Kesterson, to approve the bills. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Basa, Kesterson, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Board members read and discussed the proposed BPL Collection Development Policy (the way the materials are selected for the library.) These were sent to each board member previous to this month's meeting. Motion by Reilly to replace the current Collection Development Policy with the proposed policy in whole. Seconded by Basa. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Basa, Kesterson, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Collection Development Policy adopted January 3, 2023.

Butler handed out information on how and why to write an updated Request for Reconsideration form, the current request form, and an updated form using recommendations from the Nebraska Library Commission. She asked the board to read through all the information and bring questions and comment to the next meeting regarding the proposed new form. The Request for Reconsideration form will be tabled until the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Butler has received word BPL has won three grants so far this year, \$914 from the CA Story Foundation, a Youth Grant for Excellence in the amount of \$1500 from the NLC, and an Internship grant for \$1000 from the NLC. The CA Story and Youth Excellence grant will be used to purchase items for the teen program Butler is planning. The Internship grant will pay two young people \$500 each to help with the

Summer Reading Program in June. Butler already has a HS student and a college student in mind for the internships.

Butler has asked to close the library on February 23rd so she and her employees can attend the Summer Reading Training in Alliance. Motion by Millette, seconded by Basa, to close on February 23, 2023 for Summer Reading Training. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Basa, Kesterson, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Butler has hired Angel Palmer to work part-time in the library. Palmer will eventually oversee planning and running of Storytime and Maker Club.

DISCUSSION

Butler has a webinar she would like the board to watch dealing with book challenges. She will send links to the webinar recording when it becomes available.

Motion by Kesterson to adjourn at 5:56 pm, seconded by Reilly. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Basa, Kesterson, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7 at 5:30 pm.

On the agenda for the next meeting:

Book Reconsideration procedure and form