

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 November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 5:33 pm. Roll call was taken. Members present: Thomas Millette, Amanda Reilly, Janelle Kesterson. Absent: Rhea Basa, Chuck Murrell.

Also present: Library Director, Melissa Butler

FoL Liaison, Beverly Devrous

Board member Kesterson 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."

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

Bills were presented. Butler explained a large expenditure to the Nebraska Library Commission as the yearly payment for Overdrive. Two other larger than normal expenditures were for Maker Club supplies and replenishing some of the other library resources that are used over the year. Motion by Reilly, seconded by Millette, to approve the bills. Ayes Millette, Reilly, Kesterson. Nays: None. Absent: Basa, Murrell. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

We have still not had a definitive answer from the City Council on whether we can have space in the firehall. Councilman Angie Clinger is planning to push for an answer at the next meeting. Butler will be at that meeting.

The help wanted ad has been submitted to the paper and went out Thursday, October 27.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Butler has submitted two grants to the Nebraska Library Commission. The Youth Excellence Grant needs a 25% match, and the FoL has agreed to make that match of \$350. This grant, if won, will be used for items to start a teen group. The second grant is a \$1000 Internship Grant, so we can hire interns during summer reading. Kesterson gave Butler information on another grant which could be good for the library.

Butler has planned a Poetry Reading with Nebraska State Poet, Matt Mason on January 17<sup>th</sup>. She will be emailing English teachers at the school, putting up flyers, and may include an ad in the newspaper. Reilly suggested having programs available for students to get signed for extra credit. Kesterson wondered if Mr. Mason would be willing to run a workshop. Butler will talk to him about that possibility.

The Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired has donated to us the use of and ONYX Video Magnifier. It is not owned by us, so any issues or repairs will be taken care of by the NCBVI.

Employee Lori Leonard is working on a program for December to help showcase the laser cutter.

Bridgeport Teammates are having a soup supper the night after Thanksgiving, when the city turns on the Christmas Lights. Butler has offered BPL as a place they can hold this event. Butler will let the board know if Teammates chooses to use the building.

The first Tuesday in December is not a good day for a meeting due to an elementary Christmas concert. Butler suggests moving the meeting to December 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Reilly to move the December meeting to the 8<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Millette. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Kesterson. Nays: None. Absent: Basa, Murrell.

Motion by Reilly to go into executive session at 5:55. Seconded by Millette.

The Bridgeport Public Library Board convened in executive session to complete Melissa Butler's yearly evaluation.

On the agenda for the next meeting:

Conference information

Motion by Reilly to adjourn the executive session and the regular board meeting at 6:17 pm, seconded by Millette. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Kesterson. Nays: None. Absent: Basa, Murrell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.