

Notice of this rescheduled meeting was given in advance with a legal notice posted at Prairie Winds Community Center, the post office, and the city office. An agenda was delivered to each board member and to the city office.

Meeting was called to order on February 9, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Roll call was taken. Members present: Thomas Millette, Amanda Reilly, Rhea Basa, Chuck Murrell. Absent: Janelle Kesterson

Also present: Library Director, Melissa Butler

FoL Liaison, Beverly Devrous

Janelle Kesterson arrived at 5:41.

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."

Minutes of the January 2023 meeting were presented. Motion by Reilly, second by Millette to approve the minutes. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Basa, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Kesterson. Motion carried.

Bills were presented. Butler explained another larger than expected gas bill which is the result of per therm prices increasing twice in the last year. We are now paying twice as much per therm this year as last. There is nothing we can do to defray those costs. Butler also explained the city bill will be figured differently than in the past. Instead of paying 40/60 in the winter and 60/40 in the summer with the fire department, we will now be sharing costs with both the electrical and fire departments. Our portion all year will be 50%. Butler believes our costs will even out at this price because our city bill is very high in the summer. Our BookPage subscription, a resource we keep for our patrons, is due. We share this sub with Bayard and are waiting for their payment. Our Scottsbluff paper subscription has been extended through June (instead of October) due to an agreement with the Western Library Systems to lower sub costs to libraries. We had already paid by the time the agreement was reached. Finally, Plummer Insurance is again donating the funds for ReferenceUSA this year. They have already sent us payment. Motion by Reilly, seconded by Millette, to approve the bills. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Basa, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Kesterson. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to scheduling conflicts, Butler suggests tabling the Book Reconsideration Policy and Form discussion to the March meeting. Motion by Reilly, second by Basa, to table the Policy and Form discussion until March. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Basa, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Kesterson. Motion carried.

BPL hosted Nebraska Poet Matt Mason on January 17th for a poetry reading. About 12 patrons attended the reading. Murrell and Butler agreed Mr. Mason was very good. Butler is planning to share information with teacher at BPS to have Mr. Mason for workshops in our schools.

NEW BUSINESS

Angel Palmer has given her resignation as she did not feel she was a good fit for the position for which she was hired. Butler is not actively advertising for a replacement at this time, but will keep looking to fill the position through word of mouth. She will also call WNCC later this semester to inquire about students or new graduates in early childhood or education areas.

The first Saturday of February the library held a quilting class. Six patrons attended and was reported to be great fun.

Also in February, the library is holding a Blind Book Date event. Patrons will pick a mystery book, read and rate it, and be entered for a drawing at the end of the month. Prizes have been donated by the FoL.

Grants Butler is working on right now are the Dollar General Summer Reading grant, Dollar General Literacy grant, and the matching funds RIF grant. She hopes to have them completed by the end of the week.

DISCUSSION

None.

Motion by Reilly to adjourn at 5:47pm, seconded by Kesterson. Ayes: Millette, Reilly, Basa, Kesterson, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7 at 5:30 pm.

On the agenda for the next meeting:

Book Reconsideration procedure and form

Summer Reading workshop