

Prairie City Library Board Meeting

March 14, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6 pm . Members present: Arnie Sohn, Ginny Dalton, Jennifer Ladehoff, Linda Frazier, Sue Ponder

Minutes from April meeting were reviewed and approved.

Librarian's report:

-Rates for the Des Moines Register are going up by 1/3. Sue has tried to contact a representative to see if the library could qualify for lower rate. She will keep the board updated.

-Linda and Sue reported that the submitted budget for the library was approved at the council meeting. Sue will keep us updated on spending needs. Sue clarified that she does not get paid health insurance from the city. Her benefits include life insurance, lpers, Disability, and dental and vision discount plans.

-The board decided to visit the Bondurant and Adel libraries on March 30. We will get in touch with each other before then to arrange car pooling, or meet at Bondurant library at 9 am.

-The board will plan to attend the council meeting on April 5 to share the information from consultants and our library visits. We will also discuss the possibility of hiring an architect to come up with an initial draft of a possible addition to the library.

-Sue received a quote to add electronic door openers. Price quoted is \$4200 for both doors. This is for electrical openers only, not new doors. Sue will look into possible grants for this.

-Sue shared new policies for proctoring exams and donations. Linda made motion to approve these new policies. Second by Arnie. Motion carried. Sue also provided copies of other current policies so that each board member will be up to date on these.

-The service dogs have been visiting and plan to make weekly visits for children to read to them.

-Financial class was successful and appreciated. We encouraged Sue to continue to find programs like these that will help our citizens. Sue was also directed to mail thank you cards to Andre Engle and Jill and Rhonda for their programs.

-Sue has started work on summer reading program.

-Next meeting will be April 11 at 6 pm at the library

-Motion made by Ginny to nominate Linda Frazier to be recording secretary and chair of the library board. Second by Jen. Motion carried.

-Meeting adjourned 7 pm.

Submitted by Linda Frazier