

Prairie City Library Board

Minutes for Meeting Feb. 16, 2016

Attending: Jennifer Ladehoff, Arnie Sohn, Ginny Dalton, Linda Frazier, Troy Kuecker, Sue Ponder. Meeting called to order at 6:05.

Motion by Arnie to approve minutes of Jan. meeting. Second by Jen. Motion carried.

Librarian's report:

-LIHEAP, the low income heating assistance program has had informational sessions at the library, including information on free tax preparation assistance. The board encourages these kinds of service activities to continue at the library.

-Finance information sessions will be offered this coming month by Andrea Engle. The board appreciates that she is sharing this information with interested community people.

-Therapy dogs came to visit during an after school session. It is hoped that future visits will be arranged.

-Sue shared that during the city council budget meeting, the library board's recommendations for salaries were discussed. Sue and Manny explained our rationale and that the library board has the authority to set the library line items in the budget, including salaries. The library board will draft a letter for Sue to have in the event that there are further questions about our salary decisions. Sue will have this by March 7. We also looked at information about librarian salaries in other towns.

Old business:

Jen made motion to raise the librarian assistant's salary to \$10 per hour effective July 1, 2016. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Arnie made motion to raise the librarian's salary to \$18 per hour effective March 1, 2016. Jen seconded. Motion carried.

March 30 was selected as a tentative date for board to go look at other libraries that have been remodeled or built by the architects we have met with. Details will be confirmed at next meeting of board, which was set for March 14 at 6 pm.

New Business: Sue is trying to find a company to provide information on automatic doors to assist our handicapped clients.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Submitted by Linda Frazier