

Prairie City Library Board Minutes

April 21, 2015

Members/guests present: Arnie Sohn, Linda Frazier, Jennifer Ladehoff, Sue Ponder, Manny Toribio, Chad Alleger, George Lawson

George Lawson, Library building consultant presented his needs assessment/plan for the library. His recommendation is that a reasonable size for a library for our city would be 5615 square feet. Current library is 2070 sq. feet. The report detailed square footage for various sections of a library. He said that the next step should be sharing this information with the city council and then speaking with an architectural firm about the possible project. At this early stage, the architect would be looking at feasibility of the project and be giving an estimate of a reasonable budget. Discussion was held about funding possibilities. He encouraged checking into the Carver Trust grants as that group approves of projects like this in smaller towns. This is the last meeting we will have with George under the grant we had for his services, but he said he would be glad to chat or talk about other questions or issues that will arise in the future. The board thanked him for his report and his insight.

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

The next council meeting is May 11 at 6 pm. Sue will attend and share the information from George. She will remind board members of this meeting in case any board member also wants to attend.

There is \$13,000 in the library trust fund, which is more than enough needed to pay for the preliminary work from an architect. This amount may increase if some of the county budget surplus money is returned to the trust fund.

Librarian report:

Diabetes Academy will be doing a presentation on June 18th at 6:30 in the library

Knitting group is continuing to meet on Tuesday evenings

Sue and the city crew have cleaned up the library yard and downspouts and gutters have been repaired. Sue is happy with the work the city crew has done to help with the library repairs.

Sue is planning on attending a conference of the Iowa Small Library Association on May 1st.

Sue also has the board's approval to speak with Nancy about reviewing Jenny Anderson's hourly wage. The board and Sue feel that \$9.00 would be an appropriate salary considering the skill set that Jenny brings to the job, as well as comparable part time salaries in the area.

The board decided to pass on a May meeting due to this meeting being held so late in the month. Next meeting will be June 9 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Submitted by Linda Frazier