

Prairie City Library Board

Minutes from Sept. 8, 2015 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

Present: Linda Frazier, Arnie Sohn, Jen Ladehoff, and Sue Ponder

Minutes from August meeting were reviewed. Motion by Arnie to approve, second by Jen. Motion carried.

Librarian's report:

-Fall programs are in progress of being developed. More adult programs and a program for middle school age students will be added. Sue has also had more requests for computer classes for seniors, so that will be offered, as well.

-Sue attended the Jasper County Library Association meeting last week. We were reminded that the amount that is received from the county cannot be more than 30% of the total library expenditures (based on rural population). Last year \$17177.06 was received. The board and Sue will be keeping this in mind as spending occurs during the fiscal year.

-Sue has made contact with the State Library and is trying to get the names of other architect firms that would be willing to look at the needs assessment. She has also had discussions with Jeff Davidson (Hometown Pride coach) about the board's interest in information about library grant opportunities. She will keep the board updated.

-The Friends of the Library will be meeting later this week and be preparing for the book sale to be held on Sept. 19. Extra help would be appreciated.

-The number of books checked out and Wilbor check outs have increased dramatically over the past year.

-The unusable old computers from Children's area have been removed and replaced with a table for a Makers Area. Sue is researching educational toys and games to add to what the library already has to use in that area.

-Carpet cleaning will happen later this week. The board gave the okay to have the carpet cleaned more often than in the past, if necessary.

-Discussion was held again about the arbor and planting idea that a family wishes to donate to the library. Sue will speak with the family about waiting until spring when the garden club will be doing work in the yard and when the board has a better idea about possible library changes.

Next meeting will be Oct 13th at 6 pm . Meeting adjourned at 6:52 (Minutes by L. Frazier)

