

PRAIRIE CITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING Minutes (submitted by Linda Frazier)

AUGUST 11, 2015

In attendance: Linda Frazier, Andrea Engle, Arnie Sohn, Jennifer Ladehoff, Sue Ponder and guest Dennis Sharp from FEH Associates, Inc.

Meeting began at 6 pm with report from Dennis Sharp. The board had asked Sue to arrange for some architects to review the information from the consultant and give an idea of what would be involved to expand the library. Dennis gave a very complete report, including the sharing of a rough drawing of how the recommended (from consultant) new area would fit on the neighboring lot. If we would want FEH to proceed with a more detailed study, the cost would be \$5500. (See attached proposal for details). Once contracted to begin a study like this, the group usually could have a report with 4-5 various design options ready in about 2 months. Dennis went on to share photos of other libraries their firm has designed and built. Those closest to Prairie City include Altoona, Bondurant, Marshalltown and Polk City. Based on the information from the consultant, and using a "middle cost mindset", Dennis estimated that the total for an expanded library would be about \$944,000. Dennis concluded his presentation, answered questions and encouraged board to contact him if there are questions or the desire to tour any of the libraries they have designed.

The rest of the meeting included:

-Minutes from previous meeting reviewed and approved

-There is currently \$9500 in the library trust fund. This will likely increase once county money is added back in.

-Summer reading program report: therapy dogs, caricature artist, Monroe Canine officer, Superheroes, Animal Rescue League, Superhero capes, Jasper Co. Conservation, and touch a truck. All were free except for the artists.

Lions Club will be donating portion of Circus Ticket sales to the Friends of the Library. Friends will be helping at the event. The board extended their thanks to the Lions.

-The board approved spending for carpet to be cleaned

-City workers have trimmed bushes and cleaned gutters- the board appreciates the attention to the library.

-Jane Charls has been working on a new logo for the library. The board reviewed the first draft.

-Sue reported that the oldest computers that are in the kids' section of the library are no longer functional. The board gave the okay to dispose of them and to use the space for a "maker/craft space".

-Sue shared that she has been working more often at City Hall and Jenny Anderson has been filling in. The topic of salary was also briefly discussed. The board will address this again at budget time.

-The board will plan to get organized and come to the October council meeting to share the information from Dennis and possibly other architects that have given us input.

-The next meeting will be on Sept. 8 at 6:00 pm