

## Prairie City Library Board Meeting

Minutes Dec. 17, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6 pm

Members present: Linda Frazier, Arnie Sohn, Karen Chizek, Sue Ponder. Guests: Chad Alleger and architect Jerry Purdy

Meeting began with presentation from Jerry Purdy of Design Alliance. Sue had contacted him to take a look at the assessment of our library made by consultant George Lawson. Jerry shared information about his company and also about the process of moving forward with a design for an expanded library. He had prepared and presented us with a booklet of information and examples of their work. He estimated that the cost for a remodel and an addition of 3600 sq feet would be approximately \$612,000, based on \$170/sq ft. The cost to have this firm do a stage one plan that would include several possible designs and cost analyses would be \$9500.

Regular meeting business took place after his presentation ended.

November minutes were reviewed and approved.

Arnie made a motion and Karen seconded to pay the bill of \$471 for one of the new computers that have been purchased. The Friends group purchased the second one for the library. The board sends their thanks.

Sue reported that there was a program of card making that drew 19 participants. She said this was too large of a group for the space to accommodate well. She is planning a movie day for children during the winter school break. Kim Johnston is the new rep. for Prairie City on the Jasper County Library Board. She and Sue attended the meeting and the request for funds from the supervisors will remain the same as the past year.

Sue will speak with Nancy about the budget for the library. In order to keep the money that comes from the county, the amount from the county cannot be more than 30% of the total budget. The library received \$17,177 from the county this past year. Board will be working on the budget next month and we need amounts clarified before then.

Sue presented a bid from Mark Van Der Kamp to build shelves and rolling storage carts. Linda made motion to have Mark build these units with painted wood finish. Karen seconded. Motion carried. Estimate was for \$1800 for stained oak; less \$350 for painted wood.

Ginny Dalton will be new board member starting in January. Thanks to Karen for her service. Troy Kuecker will be council representative.

Next meeting was set for Jan. 26 at 6 pm. Board also discussed trying to visit Fontanelle and Adel libraries in late Jan. or early Feb, as these were done by Design Alliance. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Submitted by Linda Frazier