

Notice of this meeting was given in advance with legal notice posted in the Bridgeport Newsblade. An agenda was delivered to each board member and to the city office.

Meeting was called to order on February 6th, at 5:30 pm. Roll call was taken. Members present: Thomas Millette, Nancy Wallesen, Janelle Galvan, Chuck Murrell. Absent: Amanda Reilly

Also present: Library Director, Melissa Butler

Chairperson Chuck Murrell announced: "In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a copy of the Open Meeting Act is available for review and is posted in the meeting room."

Minutes of the January regular meeting were presented. Motion by Galvan, second by Millette to approve the minutes. Ayes: Millette, Wallesen, Galvan, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Reilly. Motion carried.

Bills were presented. Galvan asked if the utility bills are comparable to last year. Butler has already confirmed these numbers are similar or lower than the previous year at this time. Butler pointed out a large expenditure in program supplies. The library is replacing and updating items which will be used in a technology unit in March. Butler has also purchased a majority of the supplies needed for the Summer Reading activities/crafts. Millette asked about Indoff, which is the company the library has used for paper supplies like toilet paper and paper towels. Millette suggested talking to Gail Beyer at the school about the Co-op order system ESU uses for these supplies. Motion by Millette, seconded by Galvan, to approve the bills. Ayes: Millette, Wallesen, Galvan, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Reilly. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Butler gave the board a copy of a monthly report which gives information for all tech used, all programs and number of attendees of said programs, the number of patrons in the library, circulation numbers, number of items both added and removed from the catalog, and the number of references by librarians for the month of January. Butler will resume inclusion of this report in paperwork to the City Council each month. Galvan suggested keeping a copy in Board paperwork as well.

Butler has been working more closely with the architect for the renovation. Perry Nelson, with the city, has been scoping plumbing in the garage bays to see where it connects and where in exits the building. The best-case date for completed plans is end of February. As soon as Butler has completed plans, she will work on grants.

The Summer Reading Workshop is Tuesday, March 5th. Rather than close the library, Butler and employees will watch the workshop online.

Butler has lined up two authors, Tammy Marshall, a fiction writer from Nebraska, on March 23rd and Jamey Boelhower, a Nebraskan poet, on April 20th. Tammy Marshall will read from one of her books and discuss the ins and outs of publishing a book. Jamey Boelhower will do a reading of his poetry and a writing workshop. Butler has sent emails to all the BPL English teachers about these visits.

NEW BUSINESS

Butler gave the members a copy of the Newsletter for February which shows all planned events. The Newsletter will be included in the meeting minutes.

Friends of the Library are planning a jigsaw puzzle competition in March.

TAG is in the planning stages of a Book Basket auction. They plan to put books and “matching” items in small baskets and auction them off. Butler will be working with them to request item donations from individuals and businesses in the community. They don’t have a definite date for this fundraiser.

Butler would like to hold an “After Hours at the Library” for teens in March and requested approval for this kind of event before discussing it with the TAG members. The board did not have any reservations against an after-hours event.

The planned executive session with two City Council members did not go forward, as no City Council members attended the meeting. The board discussed next steps pertaining to employee raises. Millette will meet with an attorney to clarify the verbiage of the legislature pertaining to expenditures and employee pay. Galvan suggested a Board liaison to attend City Council meetings each month. Galvan and Wallesen both are willing to attend. Butler has been asked to call the NLA to garner more information on how to handle this situation.

Due to the length of the meeting, watching a training video was tabled.

Motion by Galvan to adjourn, seconded by Wallesen. Ayes: Millette, Wallesen, Galvan, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Reilly. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 5:30 pm.

ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

City Council decision