

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

Meeting was called to order on July 7, 2022, at 5:33 pm. Roll call was taken. Members present: Thomas Millette, Chuck Murrell, Janelle Kesterson Absent: Rhea Basa, Amanda Reilly

Also present: Library Director, Melissa Butler

Interim Chair 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 May 2022 meeting were presented. Motion by Millette, second by Kesterson to approve the minutes. Ayes: Millette, Kesterson, Murrell Nays: None. Absent: Reilly, Basa. Motion carried.

Bills were presented. Butler told the board that Dori Huck told her the fire department doesn't use gas heat in the summer, and so we will be paying 100% of the gas bill rather than 60/40 during the summer. The board has asked for more information about who decided this pay split. Murrell asked if Butler was happy with the contract cleaner, and after some discussion, Butler will find a copy of the contract to see what is included. Motion by Murrell, seconded by Kesterson, to approve the bills. Ayes: Millette, Kesterson, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Reilly, Basa. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Butler told the board that Summer Reading is complete, except for the final pool party at the end of the week. Our average per week was 88 people. The stop-motion movies are not fully complete and will be added to Youtube as soon as they are done.

Ben Jacoby sat down with Butler to help her understand the beneficiary IRA paperwork sent for the IRA we have inherited. The individual used the City of Bridgeport Tax-ID when filling out the beneficiary information, rather than the FoL. We are concerned this would make it more difficult to keep the donated funds separate from City accounts. Butler is on the agenda with the city in August to discuss with them how to handle this money, should the revised Tax-ID for the Friends of the Library not work.

We will need to be re-accredited this year. Part of that is a Community Needs Assessment. Butler would like two board members to help survey, analyze, and complete a plan for the Nebraska Library by the end of September. Beverly Devrous and Karl Cox have already agreed to be a part of this committee. Kesterson and Millette both have agreed.

The board has been recertified for the next three years. We will need to get 20 CE credits over three years to stay certified. Butler will keep track and plan when to watch videos during shorter meetings.

The board needs to elect a new Chairman of the Board. Millette nominated interim Chair, Chuck Murrell. Kesterson seconded. Ayes: Millette, Kesterson, Murrell. Nays: None. Absent: Reilly, Basa.

The board has decided to table the choosing of FoL liaison until more board members are present.

NEW BUSINESS

Butler has convinced two teens and one young adult to start a Young Adult board. They will meet to discuss how to make the library more attractive to ages 14-21. The first meeting will be in July. Kesterson said she will touch base with some students, to see if she can spark any more interest.

Butler has completed an initial budget for the board to look over and ask questions. She will have a second draft at the August meeting. Butler plans on attending the City budget meeting, when it is scheduled.

On the agenda for the next meeting:

Snow Redfern grant

Inventory

FoL Liaison

Motion by Millette to adjourn at 6:25 pm, seconded by Kesterson. Ayes: Millette, Kesterson, Murrell.

Nays: None. Absent: Reilly, Basa. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, August 2nd at 5:30 pm.