

Harlan Community Library Board of Trustees--February 14, 2022

The Harlan Community Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 5:20 p.m. in the Library meeting room.

Present: Susan Finn, Hope Chipman, Bill Early, Dan McElwain, and Paul Simpson

Absent: Connie Claussen, Tanya Bruck, Joann Miller, and Roy Burkhalter

Also Present: Director Amanda Brewer and City Council liaison, Sharon Kroger

President Susan Finn called the meeting to order. Paul moved, seconded by Bill to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Conflicts of interest are to be stated if and when applicable. None were stated.

Dan moved, seconded by Bill, to approve the minutes from January 10. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's report:

- Great attendance at the Family Night event the previous week.
- Upcoming programming for kids includes Lego night on the 24th and Science Fair on the 28th. Upcoming programming for adults includes the Humanities Iowa program, "Women of Warmth, Wisdom and War" on the 17th. New programming in March is an After School Program on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 to include board games, craft & create projects, STEM and other surprises.
- Grants include the AARP Community Challenge Grant for \$15,000 to be used for the Story Walk. Working on another grant to be used toward improvement of public spaces.
- Outreach: There will be 9 sessions of Kindergarten for SLP tours this spring to introduce library offerings to kids in advance of summer.
- Material Selection Policy. The library director reviewed the current material selections policy. This document was last updated 2019 and generally states that as a public library there is no censor on offered materials. This was provided in response to recent events in the news regarding title offerings and banned books based on racial and sexual orientation content.
- Board members will need to do their board education for the year.
- 59% of the year has passed, and 51.5% of the budget has been spent.
- Great Dane installed a new mop skin for \$804.60
- The fire alarm system is in the process of being installed.

Motion by Bill, seconded by Paul to approve the bills the director has paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports:

- Property Committee: Met with Ron Temel regarding the outdoor landscaping project. He will go back and decide if it is something he can do and if so get us some rough drawings.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Our next meeting will be Monday March 14, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Hope Chipman, Board Member (for Tanya Bruck Secretary)

These minutes are as recorded by Hope Chipman and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.