

Centralia Public Library
Board meeting minutes
May 12th, 2022

Trustees Present: Alan Baca, Catherine Simmons, Katherine Butrum, Larry Dorman & Linda Luke.

Trustees Absent: Angie Taylor, Melissa Maxwell, Amber Brown & Suzanne Long.

Others in Attendance: Director Amy Hopkins

President Baca called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Public Comments: N/A

City Information Report: N/A

Minutes: Trustee Dorman made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes, Trustee Luke seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

April minutes were reviewed but could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Butrum made a motion to approve the April Treasurer's report, Trustee Simmons seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

- A. New Board member needed: Amber Brown is moving out of the Library district and has resigned her Board appointment effective immediately. Several names were discussed as prospective Board members to fill out Trustee Brown's term. Director Hopkins will reach out to see if any of them are interested.

Old Business:

- A. **Parking lot / pavilion update:** Light pole and additional lights for existing pole (*next to shed*) are back ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive.
- B. **Front entry concrete pad** replacement will be completed by Jennings and Sons Construction, LLC. who submitted a bid/estimate of \$1,965.00. They are waiting on the repair of a piece of equipment before they can begin this project. Estimate is 2-weeks from today.

President's Report:

N/A

Director's Report:

Director Hopkins discussed several upcoming grant & funding opportunities including Dollar General youth literacy grant and ECF (Emergency Connectivity Fund). Director Hopkins applied for the DG literacy grant for a collection of STEM kits for the Library to circulate (\$4,000). ECF funding (*last round of ARPA funding*) for 50 long-term hotspots, plus funding for our existing T-Mobile hotspots was applied for. If successful, the funds received from the City of Centralia will be used to upgrade our US Cellular hotspot devices to give our patrons a choice of devices, depending on service availability at their residence.

Several pictures of events were shared with the Board including: CIS Book & Bike event which included the Paws & Pages group, SRP promotion and bookmark contest. Sam & Cait saw close to 150 kids for this literacy event. The last Storytime until SRP begins and the NF Trivia Benefit (for Neurofibromatosis) which raised close to \$4,000 to support NF Midwest. Our library team came in 5th out of 18 teams!

Trustee Dorman made a motion for the meeting to adjourn and Trustee Simmons seconded it. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 9th at 6:15 p.m., at the Centralia Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Butrum,
Board Secretary