

DODGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2024

The Dodgeville Public Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 13, 2024, in person.

Present: Vanderloo, Wepking, Howard, Spady, Johnson-Solberg, Portz, Murphy, McSherry

Absent: Ponsler

Also present: Mayor Barry Hottmann, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair

- I. **Agenda and Minutes Approval.** Vanderloo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and there being no objections declared the meeting duly posted. The agenda for this meeting was declared approved and the April 8th, 2024, board meeting minutes were approved with no objections.
- II. **New Business.** Welcome Mayor Hottmann to the meeting. He discussed a change in the city council representative to the library board. Roxanne Reynolds-Lair will be the new representative and Julie Johnson-Solberg will step down. We thank Julie for her work on the board and her support of the library.

Mayor Hottmann discussed hiring a grant writer for the city. There are many grants that are available. The bottom line is the answer is always no if we don't apply for these grants. A grant writer is necessary to move forward. The Flexible Facilities Program (FFP) held a training session on May 9 for the Flexible Facilities Grant that the library will be applying for. Jody shared information about the grant and the criteria that are necessary for us to apply for this grant. There are two mandatory items that we need to know from the city to move forward. If we will be taking over this building **and** that the city will guarantee the remaining funds for the building project if we are awarded this grant. The maximum award is 4.25 million per project. The minimum criteria for this grant are: The project must include constructing a new or renovating or expanding an existing library, community center, or multi-purpose community facility, **and** the purchase and /or installation of broadband and/or other digital connectivity (e.g., digital connectivity equipment, devices, services) that provide public access to high speed internet **and** Directly enable work, education and health monitoring. Awards are anticipated to be made no later than October 1, 2024.

Discussion continued about providing information to the city council. Discussed forming a committee to gather information. Carol, along with Jody, Mary, Nancy and Roxanne will put together information to share with Mayor Hottmann and the city council. Carol will also contact HGA-the architectural firm that did our plan and see if they will give us an update on the cost.

III. Librarian's Report. Interim Director Carol M's report. Total circulation was down just a bit, but the visits were up. The Summer Reading Program begins June 1. Carol Gleichauf participated in the DES Family Literacy and Math Night. The event was very well attended. Nancy Ashmore held a Composting 101 program on April 23, and we have part two of the Henry Dodge series on May 16, and a Climate Reality program on May 20. Three book clubs met in April. We continue to add new members to the Adult book club.

The table and chairs for the main Library and the Annex have been ordered and are due to ship approximately June 5 to coincide with the delivery of the new book/magazine cases.

Carol Murphy attended the PLAC directors' meeting in Fennimore, and the Technology Committee meeting also in Fennimore.

The Ridgeway Volunteer Library numbers continue to be strong. A volunteer open house was held on April 18 where they were able to meet one another, library staff and enjoy refreshments. Another one is planned for May 14.

Two of our library pages-Nik and Ren, will be graduating in May. We will be advertising to fill these positions soon. Carrie P. will be involved in that process.

IV. Concerns and Comments of the Board. Discussed moving the July Library Board meeting to July 15.

V. Treasurer's Report. Motion by Wepking to accept the bills. Second by Spady. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Upcoming Meeting: June 10, 2024

Motion by Johnson-Solberg to adjourn. Second by Spady. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kari McSherry.