

Library Board Minutes

March 4, 2024

Hoesch Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Monday March 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Present were Don Jardon, Bryan Lubeck, Cathy House, Mary Jo Radil, Pam Miller and Keri Anderson Library Director.

Don Jardon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with attention given to the Open Meeting Act posted on the conference room wall.

Minutes of the previous meeting February 5, 2024 were read. Motion to approve the minutes as read was made Bryan with second by Mary Jo. Motion carried.

Warrants for payment of bills for were reviewed. Cathy made the motion to approve the warrants for payment, seconded by Don. Motion carried.

The following warrants were paid:

Keri Anderson	3,113.30
Jennifer Roethke	435.62
Amazon (Books)	373.22
Eakes (Repairs & Maint. Equip.)	189.62
Frontier (Telephone)	223.92
Harlan Co. Journal (Print & Publish)	45.30
Hogelands Market (Supplies)	6.79
NE Library Commission (Dues & Fees)	840.00
NPPD (Electricity)	66.83

Circulation statistics and Budget statistics were reviewed. Circulation is still down, but hoping it will pick up when early closings and closed days due to lack of staff are unnecessary. Three pay periods, fire extinguishers recharge and copier maintenance were reasons for some increase in spending. Keri will be able to switch telephone to Pinpoint in May when the Frontier contract is up, which should stop the steady increase in the phone bill. Jennifer will be using some travel and meal expense to go to Ravenna for a Summer Reading workshop.

New Business:

Keri has received 5 applications for the part-time position advertised. She is expecting one or two more, so was waiting to make a decision. We discussed whether to increase the beginning wage from \$9.00 to \$9.50. Cathy made a motion to set the beginning wage at \$9.50. Bryan seconded and all were in favor.

Other Business

Keri reported that they were waiting to hear if they receive a Circulating Stem Kits Grant, and will be excited to get it. Summer reading books are being ordered. The Friends are helping to fund Early Literacy. We thank them for all of their support. The theme for Summer Reading this year is "Adventures Begin at Your Library." Jennifer is planning a writing workshop for the older elementary and adults for summer reading.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 8, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

As there was no other business, Mary Jo made the motion to adjourn, second by Bryan. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Pam Miller, Secretary