

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 19, 2021

Virtual meeting using Zoom

The Board of Trustees of the Dodgeville Public Library met Monday, April 19, 2021, using Zoom for a virtual meeting.

Present: Vanderloo, Howard, Rowan, Weber, Decker, Zimmerman, Tremelling, Stangel, McDonald; Carol Murphy, library staff.

Vanderloo called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. and, there being no objection, declared the meeting duly posted. Agenda for this meeting was declared approved and Minutes of the March meeting were declared approved as emailed to members. There were no objections.

Old Business:

a. COVID-19 Adjustments. Stangel reported that the reserved book table is moved to inside the library and the library restrooms in the entry can now be open. Patrons may browse in the library, with a limit of twelve inside at a time. The new children's story area has been painted, the Zoom room (former reading room) is open and being used, and the teen area is ready to go. The Zoom room is busy. The two program rooms will be redone later. Carol Murphy walked around with her tablet and showed these areas of the library. The Annex now has a sanitizer dispenser. The Annex is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a maximum of ten patrons. Small meetings are possible in that space, and groups could use it by appointment.

b. Outreach. Stangel spoke to the Kiwanis group. There will be an open house at Ridgeway community center on May 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Stangel suggested it would be nice for board members to attend. This is also the first day of the outdoor farmers market in Ridgeway. Then on May 5 the library will be open and the van will make its first delivery there. She and Carol Murphy will work at the library on Wednesdays, and she is hoping to do programming there. Volunteers would set up other days of the week if they want the library open more often.

c. Library Building Project. Nothing new.

New Business:

a. Upcoming Programs. Stangel reviewed programs. A virtual program on creating collages had 38 people sign up for it. They are looking at 8 weeks of virtual summer programming plus outdoor story times. She said the City was considering opening up that pop-up town square again, possibly for much of the summer, which would open up more opportunities for programming. Murphy said that the book clubs are starting back up at the end of May, and they hope to meet in person outdoors.

b. Community Service. Stangel updated the board on community service hours provided through the library for students and drug court attendees who need community service hours. She started that back up at the beginning of the year and thinks it is valuable to the community and the library. She also mentioned that she saw a documentary on addiction that was filmed locally, and she thought it very well done and recommended it.

c. May Election of Officers. Stangel reminded the board that election of officers is held in May, and this year the current secretary has suggested it is time for someone else to take over. Vanderloo suggested that members seriously consider being officers.

Librarian's report:

Stangel said she had presented at a recent PEO meeting and at the Kiwanis meeting, and she would be presenting the annual report to the City Council at their next meeting. She is letting people know what is happening at the library and what services seemed most in demand during the last year or so, reporting on all the different programming. She said that even though more in-person programming may be done, they can't really pull back on the virtual programming because so many people still need it done that way. She feels we are serving the needs of the community, but in different ways. She reminded the board that we are working on updating the long-range plan, but that no plan would have included what just happened. The library has been meeting needs at the time they are needed, which meant constantly reviewing, but she said that our mission statement is broad enough to allow us to meet the needs and provide these resources to the community. She said it was clear that services to elders and small children needed to be in person, so they have worked on providing for them first as the library moves forward. Decker said her summary should have been recorded – that at a time when so much was needed, school and libraries stepped up for their communities.

Concerns and Comments of the Board: Howard suggested tables or benches outside the library, to allow for more use of the Wi-Fi and more places for people to sit.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance to date is \$339,564.10, and we have spent 18.8% of our budget at this point. Vouchers total \$24,857.90, including the SWLS 2021 payments for NetSW and other services. Stangel reviewed the charges with the board. Decker moved to pay the bills, second by Rowen, motion carried with no objection.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2021, immediately following the Foundation Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Howard