ARTHUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

August, 2023

Present: President Allen, Trustees Singer, Yeakel, Yoder; Director Pruitt. Absent: Fritz, Stewart

Meeting was called to order by President Allen at 6 p.m.

No visitor comments.

Minutes were approved on a motion by Singer, second Allen.

Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Yeakel, second by Yoder.

Director's report - Kelsey Pruitt

1) Project updates.

a) New patron computers and circulation computer have been installed.

b) Tiles to be installed by the end of the month. Josh Arnett has been doing a lot of small, handyman jobs for the library.

c) Tim Thompson did the concrete work on the sidewalk and curb.

d) The school referred the library to Heart Technologies, Decatur for security cameras. Waiting for pricing and plans. Other options might be Detection Security, Mattoon or FE Morgan, Champaign.

2) Recent events/Summer reading review.

a) Summer reading wrapped up on August 5. It went very well. Douglas Hart program was very popular. Had several kids read up to 60 hours this summer.

b) Kelsey and Meranda attended the back-to-school events at Arthur Grade School and ALAH High School. Passed out pencils and library card forms; promoted Libby and Overdrive to the students.

3) ALAH Scholarship/Volunteer Program. Passed out volunteer forms at the high school. Decided to offer three students scholarships of $700 each to go toward their senior trip. A motion was made by Yoder with a second by Singer to approve these scholarships for a total of $2100. Motion passed.

4) Kelsey would like to attend the ILA conference in Springfield in October. Cost will be $760 for conference and hotel. Kelsey felt it was very worthwhile last year. Motion was made by Yeakel with a second by Yoder to send Kelsey to conference. Motion passed.

The bills were approved on a motion by Singer, second by Yeakel.

New business

1) A tentative budget was approved by a roll call vote with those present all voting in favor of the budget.

2) Minutes for the past fiscal year need to be reviewed. President Allen appointed trustees Fritz and Stewart to do this review.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. on a motion by Yeakel, second by Yoder.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha K. Yeakel, Secretary