MINUTES

Eldora Public Library Board of Trustees

July 28, 2020

PRESENT: Jerry Trittien, Kristin Gehrke, Jackie Winters, Emily Stoulil, Joe Herring, Rex Lawler, and Joan Grothoff

MINUTES were approved. Bills were approved

Director’s Report

* Library will receive 2 years free of Bold 360, starting in July. This is paid for by Library Cares Act. The library can adjust Bold 360 to our own hours and answer questions via websight or email. This will give patrons with questions, options to contact us without coming to the library.
* The Story Walk at Gunderson’s Trails near the Community Garden was a huge success with a lot of positive feedback. The Story Walk has since been moved to our library windows.
* Summer reading ended on July 13. There were 51 total participants – Pre K program – 10, Children’s Program – 36, and the Teen Program – 5 participants. Things were different this summer with COVID, and the use of all virtual programming.
* The Drive in Movie at the end of the Summer Reading went over well. Thirty three people counting the parents and siblings attended. Twenty-six kids qualified. This was held in the parking lot with some kids making their own cars out of boxes. Looney Tunes cartoons were shown.
* Planned activities for August include: hosting a butter sculpting contest via zoom, a Drawing Tree on a tree on the west side of the library,socially distancing activities outside, and another story walk.
* Elaine has started a teen advisory group hosted via zoom. Four teens have shown interest.
* Friends of the Library have sent out a Fundraising letter. Wood creations in the hallway of the library were donated by Joan’s husband. Patrons can bid on these with the money going to the Friends of the Library.

Old Business

* Library will continue in Phase 3 of it’s Reopening Plan. The Driveup for patrons to pickup books is a hit.
* Hardin County librarians had a Zoom meeting. The library will compliment what the school decides. After school programs are planned at the library.
* Nobody has bid on the old copy machine
* Emily Stoulil was welcomed as a new board member

New Business

* Masks are not mandatory at this time. This could change if the school requires masks The city could change their policy also.
* Catherine Hurd has resigned her position as cleaning lady effective 7/26/2020
* The Board approved to have Elaine Bahr, the children’s librarian, to take over the cleaning position at $10/hour. This is currently a 5-6 hour per week job. The cleaning position could go up to 10 hours a week maximum,once the library is fully opened again.
* Wendy Bradley,HR person with the City of Eldora, has requested that Joan provide the city with copies of employee evaluations. The library board HR committee will evaluate Joan.
* ARSL conference( conference for rural libraries) will be held virtual online,starting the week of September 3. The conference will last about 3 hours per day. Joan has enrolled at a cost of $50.
* Library has been working with the Eldora Police Department in distributing 40 “Doing Good Bags.” The bags were given to kids who have done good deeds such a getting library books back in time. The bags contain treats,card, and various craft projects. Another 25 bags will be handed out by the library in the next few weeks.
* Library reached out to the Tiger Club,formerly Tiger Pak, in doing future activities

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 5:00pm.