MINUTES

Eldora Public Library Board of Trustees

August 25, 2020

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

MINUTES were approved. Bills were approved

Director’s Report

* Library has bought ten face shields. Some patrons were having trouble understanding library employees through a facemask.
* Apollo annual subscription was $1,400 this year. This was $200 less than last year due to lower circulation, because of covid.
* Friends of the library membership drive has been successful. A silent auction of wood creations raised $150.
* The friends of the library have committed $2,500 for summer reading program next year, and will give money towards purchase of 25 new release large print books.
* Elaine Bahr is starting the teen advisory group. Several girls have committed to the new group.
* Joan is working on an Emergency Action plan. After the Dericho winds, she feels this is a necessary policy.
* Wish Tree – Only one patron put a wish on the tree.
* Story time online participation has been minimal. Elaine will have an outside socially distanced story time on Wednesdays at 10:00 am.
* Covid – 19 webinar, with the state, had information on what to do if a staff member tests positive.
* One school age family and one preschool age family helped in suppling materials for homeschooling.
* Next Story Walk will be at Memorial Park over Labor Day weekend. Mother Bruce was chosen as the book.
* A virtual book club for 3-5 children will be in September. They meet to discuss the book via zoom.
* Wendy Bradley is implementing personnel policy changes. This should not affect the library.
* Library will continue with outside story times. Story times will be recorded for those unable to attend.
* Two September speakers have been postponed – Kathy Wilson and Linda McCann.
* ARSL conference is online the last week of September. It is 11 – 2 daily.
* Library continues to explore ways to keep interest in the library with limited in person time available.

Old Business

* Library wants to stay with their current policy of not requiring patrons to wear a mask.
* Mary and Jackie did Joan’s annual evaluation. Joan has done Susan’s annual evaluation.
* Old copy machine has not found a buyer. If someone makes a reasonable offer, the offer will be accepted
* Library is continuing to hand out “Caught in the Act” bags to patrons caught doing an act of kindness.
* Elaine Bahr has been doing cleaning in the library for five hours a week.

New Business

* Library is continuing in Phase 3. Joan will send a revised library after school plan that has all the CDC guidelines to the school. The students and parents will know the library is a safe place to go after school with the new rules
* Hardin County Library Challenge is being discussed. It would involve a Stem and reading challenge bingo. Libraries showing an interest are: Eldora, Iowa Falls, Union, Alden, and Union. The goal is to get more use of the libraries
* Carpet cleaning has not been done in 2020 because of lower use wit Covid. Cleaning of the carpet will be delayed until sometime in 2021.
* Library online programs have not had a good response.
* Board approved for Joan to get a new office chair for her office.
* Joan may have to discipline a non- compliant patron. Policies are in place if further action is needed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 29, 2020 at 5:00 pm.