

Reinbeck Public Library Trustee Board Meeting

October 14, 2024

4:30 pm

President Marilyn Evens called the meeting to order. Others present were trustees, Bonnie Shinn, Rebecca Schildroth, Tina Lyon, and Library Director Lenah Oltman. A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills and the agenda. The minutes were approved as read.

Past month's Statistics:

New Patrons: 5

Door Count: 1887

Plow: 3678

WIFI: 368

Physical Circulation: 320

Digital Circulation: 295

Director's Report: Lenah stated that the fall is off to a good start with programs for all ages and that the new teen program is progressing well.

She and Cherie will meet with someone from Apollo, our new checkout system, on Friday the 25th. This will entail reviewing our policies and practices to implement them into this new and more powerful program. It will require a lot of front-end work but will greatly enhance our ability to serve our patrons.

She informed us that she has hired Helen Adair since Ann Rae Billerbeck retired. This transition is going well.

The city's bill-approving process is being changed due to the implementation of a new state law. Lenah and Julie are working together to make this work and comply with the law.

Two of the new shelving units have been installed in the children's section. They have been well received as more books are looked at by youngsters.

Old Business:

Reinbeck Library Investment Tree: Lenah painted the wall where the investment tree will be located. The bookshelf tree has been received and will be put up soon.

Master Plan, Solum Lang: No update.

Whimsical Twist–Mural Project: We reviewed the progress of the drawing. With just one change it was thought that we were ready to proceed. Marilyn made the motion for the project to proceed with one improvement. Rebecca seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

FY26: Much discussion between the board and Lenah was spent on this. After careful consideration of the needs of the library and our continuation and expansion meeting the community needs, it was agreed that the proposal worked out would be in line with needs. Tina made the motion to accept the budget as worked on and Marilyn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

The next board meeting will be November 11, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Schildroth, Secretary