

Library Board Minutes
July 18, 2016

Actions Taken: **2016-7-1** Approval of June minutes. Carried.
2016-7-2 Allow bills for June in the amount of \$6,067.72. Carried.
2016-7-3 Approval of the proposed budget

Pam Realph called the open public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Blair Library Meeting Room.

Present: Pam Realph, Nancy Gabby, Becky Lacey, Carson Norine, Beth Clarke, and Gayle Roberts.
Absent: Marty Rump, Craig Folkers. Guest: Nebraska Machinery (NMC) employee

Minutes: Clarke read minutes from June 2016. Gabby moved to approve as read. Motion carried.

Bills: Gayle Roberts reported total bills for June 2016 was \$5,474.49. Motion was made to approve the bills by Gabby. The motion carried.

New Business

The library had an electrical fire and lost the air conditioning unit, so the library had to close for a few days. Summer activities were cancelled including the lock-in planned for the weekend. The library is now open, however, the air conditioning isn't at full strength. The worker from NMC spoke to the board that they are working on solving the air conditioning issues.

Director's report summary

Roberts reported a new monthly checkout record was set in June with 19,839. The previous record was last June at 16,405. Runza contacted the library to partner and provide ice cream treats to patrons during summer reading. 4,086 patrons have attended summer reading programs. Story Time at the Depot has been a huge success with more than 60 patrons attending each week.

The library is entering into a new partnership with Metro Community College to help train staff and patrons in our new library and technology center. This fall they will set up a fabrication lab in trailers in the library parking lot to kick off this partnership and show the public what they will be able to learn and do in the new library.

Discussion

The library board is invited to a new library technology and furnishing meeting at 4:00 meeting next Monday, July 25, 2016, to discuss the budget for the new library.

Roberts went over the library proposed budget for the next year. The increase is due to the new library and expected increases. Gabby proposed that we approve the proposed budget. Motion carried. Roberts will meet with City Administrator Rod Storm to review the expenses.

The next meeting will be held on August 15, 2016.

The meeting was closed in due form by President Realph.

Beth Clarke, Secretary