

Hope Welty Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 10, 2024

Call to Order

President Mary Hissong called the January 10, 2024 meeting of the Hope Welty Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 3:28 pm. Those answering roll call were Mary Hissong, Linda Martin, Lisa Forbes, Brenda Hart, Lyn Coleman, Mary Webb, and Director, Shari Rawlings.

Public Forum

None

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the December meeting were read by the members. Linda Martin moved to accept the minutes of the December meeting as having been read. Brenda Hart seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Martin, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. The beginning balance is \$303,322.29. There have been disbursements of \$9,224.74 bringing the ending balance to \$294,250.63. There are bills to be paid in the amount of \$9,193.03. Linda Martin moved, and Brenda Hart seconded that we accept the treasurer's report and pay bills. A roll call vote was taken. Mary Hissong, Linda Martin, Lisa Forbes, Brenda Hart, Lyn Coleman, and Mary Webb voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Director's Report

- Soup Day will be January 17, 2024 from 11-1pm
 - We will get Vegetable soup from Judy's. other soup will include Chicken/wild rice, taco soup, cheeseburger soup, potato soup, white chili soup and chicken and noodle soup.
 - WE will also have cookies brought and Shari will get crackers, drink, and cheese.

- Blind date with a book will be held again. Dates: End of January into February.
- Furnace repair: the oldest furnace is in need of repair. Shari had Tica look at it and the thermostat isn't working and also the injector. They will repair both of these for \$525.00.
- Per Capita Grant has been sent in.
- Conxxus Fiber: Shari got a quote from them for \$189 plus \$14 for equipment and \$42 to port over 2 phone lines—1 for fax machine and 1 for regular phone. They will also increase our download speed. This is less expensive than what we are currently paying,
- Grant from Ameren \$2000 to use for community as a whole.
- Grant from Woman's Club \$600 to use for community as a whole
- Shari suggested a digital sign out front—she had contacted Benson Signs and a 7 ft, x 2ft sign is \$17000. The extra monies needed would come from various other funds. Tabled until next meeting.
- Children's Book and Bake Sale. Sometime in March. She will talk with CH group. 25 cents—paperback
50 cents—hardback
Have open Thursday-Saturday with after school Thursday for teachers to purchase for their classrooms.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mary Webb moved to go with the bid for Conxxus for internet/phone in the library as this is cheaper than current service. Lisa Forbes seconded the motion. Costs listed above. A roll call vote was taken. Mary Hissong, Linda Martin, Lisa Forbes, Brenda Hart, Lyn Coleman, and Mary Webb voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Review of PLAW Policy. This was tabled until February meeting. Linda Martin and Shari will get together and go over what we have and make changes that might be needed.

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Other Business

None

Next Meeting:

The next meeting date is February 12, 2024 at the Hope Welty Library

With no other business, Mary Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda Martin seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Secretary,
Mary Webb