

**Regular Meeting of the Wymore Public Library Board
October 27, 2021**

Present: Austin Jackson, Librarian
Brenda Rempe, President
Heather Kaster, Secretary
Michele Cresse, Board Member
Sherri Jackson, Board Member
Emily Iverson, Board Member
Scott Childers, Executive Director of the Southeast Library System

Members of the Wymore Public Library Board met at 6:15pm on October 27, 2021 with Brenda Rempe, President, calling the meeting to order.

The Open Meeting Act and Notices were posted in the usual places.

Roll call was answered with the above named members being present. Emily Iverson introduced herself as the newest board member. Austin then introduced his guest- Scott Childers, Executive Director of the Southeast Library System.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. There were no additions or corrections. Michele Cresse motioned to approve the minutes, and Heather Kaster seconded. Voting aye: Brenda Rempe Heather Kaster, Michele Cresse, and Sherri Jackson. There were none opposed, and the motion carried.

Public comments shared included a patron wanting the library to open at 11, though it is not feasible to change library hours to accommodate one individual. Austin is looking into assistance options for those seeking their GED, and the public reports enjoyment in getting to know the librarian.

The completion date for installing fiber internet at the library is estimated around November 26th, and there are no other updates at this time.

The Kreutz Bennett Grant is seeking a full application from the library. The grant has received more applications than there are funds available, not all applicants will be awarded funding.

Austin reported a need to hire for the second part-time position. Janet Roberts currently fills the 5-hour per week position, so he is seeking to fill the 10-hour per week opening. There is room in the budget for the additional wages. It was discussed to begin advertising locally, after the job duties for the position were reviewed and updated if needed. Applications will go through the city as they have prior. It was also discussed that Southern High School has a work study program, and it could be beneficial to be involved with that in the future.

The previously broken library elevator has been repaired, with costs covered by the Foundation.

It was decided the library may close during the upcoming Spooktacular at the park, so that Austin may represent the library at the event. Display and handout ideas were discussed.

Austin reported work on updating and rearranging the children's area for the Lego table. Scheer Quality Furniture has donated furniture that will be worked in to the layout. The board expressed

they would like to send thank you cards for donations of this kind in the future.

Austin recently visited the Pawnee City Public Library and found ideas for categorizing/labeling children's books as well as information from their policies. Austin also expressed plans to update the website to a format easier to update as needed. It was recommended to check with the Library Commission for possible free hosting.


Scott Childers then presented guidelines on the different responsibilities for the roles of librarian, library board, and friends/foundation. He encouraged members from both the board and the foundation participate in the other group's meeting to keep everyone on the same page.

It was reported the president of the Foundation has resigned, and the president of FOWL will be up to be filled in January. Currently the Foundation and the Friends of the Library are separate, but it was noted some towns combine the two groups.

The library possibly participating in the upcoming city scavenger hunt was discussed.

There were no other topics discussed. Michele Cresse motioned to adjourn, and Sherri Jackson seconded. Voting aye: Brenda Rempe Heather Kaster, Michele Cresse, and Sherri Jackson. The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Kaster, Secretary