

Library Board Meeting August 17, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Members present: Connie Mathis, Jill Tegethoff, Patti Wittenauer, Charlene Butcher, Rick Cicardi, Jamie Wildermuth

Staff Present: Alex Fisher

Visitor Present: Londa Campbell

Secretary's Report: Connie makes a motion to approve the secretary's report, Patti seconded

Treasurer's Report: Live and Learn Grant beginning balance \$5,268.14, ending balance \$3,879.14

General Fund beginning balance \$4,1654.14, ending balance \$3,7028.11 Jill makes a motion to pay the bills, Rick seconded for the months of June, July, and August

Director's Report: Successful summer reading program at the program, our first in-person program since COVID. Thankful for Sarah, David, and Charlene.

McDaniel's came in June to install the new carpet in the newspaper area.

We also had an issue with the flooring in the men's bathroom and McDaniel came in yesterday to fix it.

Jill with ERATE contacted Alex about emergency connectivity fund to provide hotspot devices for the general population. Jill checked and it would cost us \$55 out of pocket for all five devices.

Alex applied for a grant for 3 lab tops to be purchased for the staff to use if they are quarantined at home.

Alex also applied for a movable wall on wheels to be used for privacy to help provide a space for meetings. This is an accordion-type wall which folds back up for storage later.

Received an email that we received the per capita grant \$8,330.80 and Equalization grant of \$2,287.66. Deadline has been moved to January instead of March.

This Saturday at 10 am we are having story time at the community center and Rhonda Schubert is having her 4H kids bring in their farm animals. We are making an egg craft afterwards to make music.

Rick makes the motion to accept the director's report, Jill seconded.

Old Business: Talked with Murphysboro library that said their hotspots are very popular. Also talked to Nashville library about their hotspots, and she said a few patrons have checked out the hotspots, but not many.

Post a sign on the door and on Face book to see if anyone is interested in having hotspots available. Let's see what the general public thinks and see if this is a need.

New Business:

Ameren LED Program-Talked with Dave Kuhnert about getting new bulbs in the building and lenses for the ones in the newspaper area. He said to sign up for the Ameren LED program. He brought by someone with AED Electric and took it back to Ameren. It would cost \$3,063 total, with Ameren paying \$1,827, and we would pay \$1,236.

\$1,000 can be saved with LED lights.

Still trying to come up with ways to spend the remaining money from our live and learn grant.

Review Chapter 1-3 of serving our public: standards for Illinois Public Libraries.

Patti makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jill seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.