

The Board of Trustees of the Bayard Public Library of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in regular session in the Council Chambers on February 3, 2023 at 12:15 PM City of Bayard 445 Main Street, Bayard, NE. An agenda of the meeting was made available to the Board of Trustee members prior to the meeting. Present were Linda Safford, Jeanette Thompson and Rod Olson. Absent and excused were Mandy Douglass and Judy White. There being a quorum of council present, Vice President Linda Safford called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM with Jeanette Thompson taking minutes. Library Director Becky Henkel was in attendance.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by L. Safford with J. Thompson seconding the motion. The vote was L. Safford, J. Thompson and R. Olson: Ayes. Motion carried.

Open Meetings Act was acknowledged as posted.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting was made by J. Thompson. L. Safford seconded the motion. The vote was L. Safford, J. Thompson and R. Olson: Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the bills and claims was made by J. Thompson and R. Olson seconded the motion. The vote was L. Safford, J. Thompson and R. Olson: Ayes. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Director Henkel reported that there were 509 books checked out and 243 books checked out through Overdrive in the month of January. Computers were used 16 times in January. Director Henkel still delivers books to the Villa. Cornhusker State Industries delivered the bookshelves and the free-standing audio bookshelf. The bookshelves were ordered with the funds from last year's Library Improvement Grant. Director Henkel has been working on transferring books to the new shelves. Director Henkel was notified that she received a grant in the amount of \$4318.00 for Library improvements. This money will go towards the newspaper digitalization project. She plans to ask the city council for Keno funds to help with this project. She applied for a grant from the Dollar General Foundation which will help with the Summer Reading Program. Director Henkel was able to get a reduction in the price for a subscription for the Star Herald. Western Library System is planning their annual library meeting and has decided to hold it in Bayard and tour Chimney Rock on August 1, 2023. Director Henkel booked a magic show for the summer reading kick-off on June 1, 2023.

Public Comment: Director Henkel told the board about a visitor that came to the library asking about library hours extending into the night. City council woman Jamie Hernandez was at the meeting and mentioned that she would like the library to open one night for people who work and are not able to get to the library during normal hours. The board asked Director Henkel to put this on the March agenda for further discussion. Mrs. Hernandez also mentioned the check outs and the library fines and costs of replacing lost books. She also brought up that certain people would like to use the library for their clubs.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by L. Safford with J. Thompson seconding the motion. The vote was L. Safford, J. Thompson and R. Olson: Ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by Jeanette Thompson, Secretary.