

February 17, 2020

Board President Larry Jirsak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the library conference room.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Larry Jirsak, Earl Underwood, Tom Adamson and Shari Kment. Also present was Library Director Walker. Tina will be recording the meeting minutes

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Fremont Tribune and the agenda is posted in the Administration Office at Keene Memorial Library, 1030 North Broad Street and online at www.fremontne.gov/library and distributed. A copy of the open meetings law is posted continually for public inspection and is located near the entrance of the library conference room and library auditorium.

Agenda

Motion to adopt current agenda for February 17, 2020 regular meeting. Board Member Underwood moved, seconded by Board Member Adamson to adopt the agenda for January 23, 2020 Library Board Meeting. Ayes: Jirsak, Kment, Underwood, Adamson. Motion carried.

Reading of Minutes

Board Member Underwood moved to dispense with and approve the January 23, 2020 minutes, seconded by Board Member Adamson. Ayes: Jirsak, Kment, Underwood & Adamson. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

1. Library Board Appointment. The Mayors recommendation to City Council for the Library Board opening was Raegen Mayberry Yount. City Council voted against his recommendation. The Library Board held a discussion on the Board's recommendation of Susan Allen. Board Member Adamson asked what the next steps are to get the recommendation to the Mayor again and wondered if they could re-recommend Susan Allen to the Library Board. The Library Board decided to re-recommend Susan Allen.
2. Security Gates. Director Tina Walker informed the Board that the gates are paid for and will be installed in 6-8 weeks. She let them know that we have at least a 3 month gap in door counts, yet we still show 90,000 accounted for.

New Business

1. County Wide Cards. Director Walker advised that local Dodge county residents are expressing concern as to why they can't get a free library card when they pay extensive taxes on their property. Discussion was held on the history of trying to get county wide cards. Susan Allen noted that this has gone to public vote multiple times and gets defeated every time. The question was raised on how we proceed, because the Library Board needs a lot more details and information. Director Walker was advised to reach out to Bob Missel from the county board to start the conversation.

Reports

1. Expansion. Director Walker discussed upcoming private events for fundraising and mentioned to the Library Board that she would like some of the Board to attend. Board members Underwood and Jirsak will be attending the 1st event this coming Friday.
2. Finance-Library Expenditures Report. Director Walker advised the Library Board that in reviewing the Library Board's history she believes the Board should still be reviewing the libraries financials each month regardless of the Board's status. Director Walker provided a detailed budget report that was current as of 2/17/2020. The Board requested a copy be emailed to them. For all future meetings a detailed report will be provided with the agenda.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made at 7:10 p.m. with Board Member Adamson making the motion and Board Member Underwood seconding it. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held at the library on March 16, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

(Signed) by Tina Walker, Library Director