

Library Board Minutes March 16, 2021

The Oelwein Public Library Board of Trustees held its regular board meeting on Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the library.

Present: Ingersoll, Gilson, Kerns, Berryman, Payne, and Macken

Absent: Mars

Vice-president Kerns called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Gilson made a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes. Seconded by Berryman. Motion carried.

Correspondences: none

Trustee Training: The board reviewed the standard on providing access to digitized local collections. The Oelwein Daily Register is microfilmed and digitized. Currently, the newspapers are digitized up to 2016.

Director's Report:

- Building Leaks Project: The city administrator is pursuing a project manager to investigate and resolve the building roof leaks.
- Seuss books: Some titles of the Dr. Seuss books will no longer be published. Some because of content and some because of poor sales. This decision by the publisher has caused the resale of some of these books to dramatically increase. Persons have been inquiring if the library is going to withdraw these books from the collection and, if so, they would like to buy them. Therefore, these particular titles have been temporarily removed from the shelves until the market softens.
- Library Page: Jeff Hughes has submitted his resignation. His last day is March 18. Staff are in the process of filling this position.
- Story Walk: The Fayette County Library Association is interested in writing a grant for CARES funds that would cover the cost of a county-wide story walk. The grant funds would purchase permanent signage holders and two years' worth of story books to rotate around the county throughout the year. Each library would have a kiosk with a map of the location of all the story walks. Each library would be responsible for installing and maintaining the holders. If the grant is approved, the story walk needs to be installed by June 30.

Friend's Report:

- The curbside delivery chocolate fest will be March 26-27 during library hours.

Bills were reviewed. Gilson made a motion to approve the bills. Seconded by Ingersoll. Motion carried.

Library Services and Hours were discussed. Staff have the opportunity to get their COVID vaccinations in the upcoming weeks. After staff are fully vaccinated or have been given the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, more services will be available. Currently, services and precautionary measures will remain the same.

The **Gifts and Donations policy** was reviewed. Gilson made a motion to accept the policy as reviewed. Seconded by Ingersoll. Motion carried.

Berryman made a motion to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Macken