

Library Board Minutes May 10, 2022

The Oelwein Public Library Board of Trustees held its regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the library.

Present: Mars, Gilson, Payne, and Macken

Absent: Berryman, Ingersoll, and Kerns

There was no meeting due to lack of quorum.

Director's Report:

- The parking lot renovation was completed. The director is working on making arrangements to keep the new plantings watered throughout the summer.
- The low water pressure issue has been resolved by city utilities crew. After the work was completed, Irvine's needed to fix a toilet in the women's restroom.
- The Thinking Money exhibit has concluded. The director will participate in a cohort call on May 13 for the libraries that will be receiving the exhibit, next. The final report needs to be sent in by May 24.
- Stickfort Construction out of Dunkerton looked at the attic access and has come up with an alternative plan. They will be sending an estimate.
- Oelwein grad, Chris Clime and his daughter, Livian, have written a children's book, *Tracker the Dog Cat*. They will give a presentation on May 24 at 5:30.
- The State Library is doing a study on the possibility of developing a collaboration with libraries and social workers. Dr. Beth Wahler, Director of Social Work, UNC Charlotte, will be visiting different libraries and Oelwein Library on May 25 to gather information on the need of such a program in Iowa.
- The exterior painting project was completed.

Friend's Report:

- The Friend's contributed \$2,500 towards the parking lot landscaping renovation.
- The Book and Bake Sale brought in \$1617.70.
- The Little Free Libraries are being re-stocked. They are working on placing a Little Library near Sacred Heart.
- Friend's will be buying flowers for the three flower boxes by the entryway.

Bills: The director cancelled the contract with Orkin. Gilson and Mars signed the bills.

Discussion was held on ways to publicize library events. Events could be posted on both "Let's Talk about Oelwein" Facebook pages. The city is considering a messaging service. School secretaries would be helpful in forwarding information to teachers and students. Attending Party in the Park and parades was not considered effective.

Next meeting Tuesday, June 14

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Macken