



The Colfax Public Library Board

April 16, 2024

President Claudia Kressin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in person.

Attendance

- Members present: Nancy Baumgartner, Claudia Kressin, Jeanne Herrick, Megan Cormican, Eve Suckow, Gary Stene, Abbie Hartung, and Library Director Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt
- Non-members present:

Quorum: A quorum has been established.

Open meeting law: We are in certification of compliance with the open meeting law.

Approval of Agenda

- Gary Stene made a motion to accept the agenda. Jeanne Herrick seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Minutes

- Gary Stene made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2024. Nancy Baumgartner seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Bills

- Gary Stene made a motion to approve the bills for March 2024. Jeanne Herrick the approval. Unanimously approved by the Board.

Director's Report

- Recently, the library has received a \$10,000 ALA Grant for an automated door and ramp.
- Through the Community Foundation of Dunn County, the library has received a \$5,000 grant to renew the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
- For blood pressure testing equipment, training, and a blood station, the library has received a \$500 grant from The American Heart Association. Thank you to Kitlyn Ingle at Dunn County Health for the recommendation.
- The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation is covering the wages for a new (temporary) library employee Abby. She will be working part-time through early May.
- Through Dunn County Human Services a young person is being provided tutor services at the library.
- A therapy dog, River, and her trainer visited Story Time last week. During the summer another therapy dog, Corduroy, will join the Fairground programs. Corduroy's trainer is Melissa Sommers, who is a member of The Alliance of Therapy Dogs and works as a deputy of the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office.

- IFLS assisted in the installation of new equipment to help improve the wifi signal range.
- The windows have been recently cleaned for the first time in four years.
- The Women's Club gave \$200 toward children's programming.
- The library cookbook, first printed in 2016, will have another 100 copies placed. The library will make a small profit of \$10 per book.
- The Hallway sale is ongoing, with books free to children and teachers.

Monthly Reports

Village Board Representative—Gary Stene

- Lynn Niggemann will be taking a treasury job with Dunn County. Her last day is in May.
- In the near future, Balsam Street will be repaired.
- This summer, Oak Street will be repaired as well. The Village is waiting for state funding.

County Board Representative— Gary Stene

- Recently, the Rail Commission has met and secured a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Government to have a passenger train from Eau Claire to St. Paul. This grant is part of the infrastructure bill.

School Representative— Megan Cormican

- State Testing for the 2024 school year is almost complete.
- On May 27, 2024, at the Memorial Day program held at the Evergreen Cemetery, the winner of "What Memorial Day Means" will read their essay.

Building Remodel Group Representative—Nancy Baumgartner

- The Fund is at \$145,404.00, with recent memorial donations. The Big Flexibility Facilities grant has yet to be released.
- Planning for the annual thrift sale has begun.

Current Business

Staff Wage Discussion is countered to next month.

Trustee Essentials, Chapter 7: Evaluating the Director

Next Meeting: April 16 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjourn 6:15 P.M.