

**The Colfax Public Library Board**

**June 18, 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, Melissa Seehaver, 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

* Eve Suckow made a motion to accept the agenda.  Jeanne Herrick seconded the motion.  Unanimously approved by the board.

Approval of Minutes

* Nancy Baumgartner made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2024.  Jeanne Herrick seconded the motion.  Unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Bills

* Eve Suckow made a motion to approve the bills for April 2024.  Jeanne Herrick seconded the approval.  Unanimously approved by the Board.

Current Business

* New school representative Melissa Seehaver was welcomed to the Library Board.
* Abbie Hartung to the new Board Secretary.

* Abby (DVR employee) has ended employment due to health.  Would like to resume this Fall.  New DVR employee beginning (Alex) in July.
* Multiple tour groups came through the library and learned about the history of the building.
* Worked with the restoration group at the Colfax Free Fair.  Their booth included  Dr. Felland’s old medical equipment and historical video footage.  Library also had a booth that was set up as a kids’ play station and relaxation area.
* Village Board voted to hire a grant writer for the Flexible Facilities Grant.  This grant will cover cost of architectural design and grant administration.  The Village hired Ayres, who gave the lowest bid.  Ayres came with architect, engineer, construction worker, and grant writer to view building, take measurements, and learn more about the history and vision for the future.  Part of the grant funding would provide broadband to the city of Colfax, as well as create meeting rooms that the public can use for telehealth meetings.  The Elevator group had voted to use money from the Elevator Fund to hire a grant writer.
* Public Access Meeting took place at the Grapevine Senior Center.  Lisa also talked to individuals who could not attend the meeting.  Next step will be getting bids for the work to be done.
* Mobile Job Lab has helped 10 people so far by parking in front of the library.  There is also a health insurance specialist coming with the Mobile Job Lab to help people enroll in insurance and answer any questions.
* Dementia specialist will be starting to provide a support group for friends and family of people with Dementia.
* Library Passport Program has begun for the summer to encourage people to visit other libraries over the summer.
* A youth theatrical group will be providing a free performance of “As You Like It” on Friday, July 26th at 11 am.
* Jess received a grant from Woodsrun to buy 20 state park passes to have available for families for check out.
* The Library received a $500 memorial donation from the family of JoDi Oman-Adams and the money has been used to purchase a STEM kit, art kit, a romance novel collection, and Summer Reading prizes.
* Many local businesses have also contributed to Summer Reading including Anderson Windows, Pleasant Valley Properties, The Blind Tiger, and the Spielman family.
* We have over 100 children signed up for Summer Reading!
* We are doing outreach at Headstart this summer during “play group.”  The Library will be doing story time with the children on two dates.  Miranda Mayfield will be doing that outreach.
* Gary Stene reported that the construction crew has been working hard on Balsam St.  Contractors will be starting work on 3 new houses in the development this summer.  Grassroots Creamery is remodeling and hiring.  Timber Technology was sold to an investment firm.
* Melissa Seehaver reported that summer swim program just ended and summer school just started on Monday.
* Nancy Baumgartner reported that the elevator group did not meet last week due to the Fair.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjourn at 6:22 P.M.