



The Colfax Public Library Board

March 18, 2025

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

Attendance

- Members present: Nancy Baumgartner, Eve Suckow, Gary Stene, Abbie Hartung, Melissa Seehaver 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

- Nancy Baumgartner made a motion to accept the agenda. Eve Suckow seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by the board.

Approval of Minutes

- Gary Stene made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2025. Eve Suckow seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Bills

- Eve Suckow made a motion to approve the bills for February 2025. Nancy Baumgartner seconded the approval. Unanimously approved by the Board.

Current Business

- Lisa (Director) reported that:
 - Libraries reported to Dunn Cty with their annual reports. Dunn Cty has approved \$5,000 in funding for Colfax Public Library. The library has received the check. It included a nice letter from the County Clerk in support of libraries and making sure that they remain funded. Gary Stene added that they are talking more broadly about how they can change how libraries are funded to ensure they remain funded. The County commended Colfax Public Library on providing additional social support services.
 - There is a new volunteer, Denise Axness, who is doing a great job. She will be volunteering 2 hours each week.
 - Colfax Chevrolet has agreed to be our sponsor for the \$200 Pilcrow Grant. Jess has formally submitted this year's application.

- The system has a new courier, Purple Mountain. Waltco went out of business suddenly due to one of their larger contracts not paying them. So far the delivery has been seamless.
- Sierra will be having a system update on 3/25/25. We'll be closed to the public that day, but the staff will work. Staff will have trainings, meetings, and work on organizational projects.
- The library will be showing a movie to the public in the Cozy Theatre. The movie will be "Mufasa" on April 12th.
- The library is now paying to clean the public bathrooms and hallway of the Municipal Building. Cost is \$35 per week.
- Lisa ordered four new computers through the United Way grant. This will replace the three public computers and the checkout computer.
- Gary (village) stated Lisa would like to have a properties meeting, but it has not been scheduled yet.
- Gary (county) stated that:
 - Andrew Mercil requested that all of the Dunn Cty libraries have a meeting to get on the same page.
 - County manager will be retiring and need to be replaced.
- Melissa (school) reported that:
 - About 45 families (double from last year) showed up for the Big Read program.
- Nancy (elevator) reported that:
 - There is a donor who is matching funds up to \$40,000. A fundraising letter was sent out to previous donors.
 - Grand total \$170,824. Plus, Lisa just received another \$1,000 donation today.
- Additional current business:
 - Possibility of starting an endowment fund with the Community Foundation of Dunn County. Fund matching available for up to \$5,000. Colfax Public Library currently has some savings available to be put in an endowment fund. Another positive would be that it would encourage people to donate money to the fund, such as in their wills. This would be a long-term plan to grow funds. Negatives are that that money wouldn't be immediately available in the case of an emergency need of funds, interest rates are about 5% currently. We also need to determine if a "Friends of the Library" group would need to be established to be connected to the endowment fund, or if the library could directly have the fund.
 - Abbie Hartung reported that she is leading a community running/walking group starting from the library on Monday evenings at 5:30pm.

Next Meeting: April 15 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjourn at 6:28 P.M.

- Eve Suckow made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Baumgartner seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by the Board.