

Keene Memorial Library Board Meeting
Municipal Building-2nd Floor in the City Council Chambers
400 E. Military, Fremont, NE
6:30 P.M.
February 20, 2023
Minutes

Held at the Municipal Building – 2nd Floor City Council Chambers and Board President Linda McClain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Becky Pence, Amanda Moenning, LeAnn Rathke and Linda McClain. Ryan Fiala was absent. Also present were: Laura England-Biggs, Library Director, Mayor Joey Spellerberg, City Administrator Jody Sanders, City Council Liaison Sally Ganem and City Attorney Travis Jacott. Office Associate Tracy Parr will be recording the meeting minutes,

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Fremont Tribune and the agenda is posted in the East Office of Keene Memorial Library, temporarily located at 925 North Broad Street, online at www.fremontne.gov and distributed by email. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted continually for public inspection and is located near the entrance of the meeting room.

Agenda

Motion to adopt current agenda for February 20, 2023 regular meeting. Board Member Rathke moved, seconded by Board Member Moenning, to adopt the agenda for February 20, 2023 Library Board Meeting. Ayes: Pence, Moenning, Rathke and McClain. Motion carried 4-0.

Reading of Minutes

Board Member Pence moved to dispense with and approve the January 16, 2023 board minutes, seconded by Board Member Rathke. Ayes: Pence, Moenning, Rathke and McClain. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

Appeal of Library Director's decision to retain Sex is a Funny Word in the library collection

Library Director England-Biggs spoke to the reconsideration form she received, her response to that form and that it was formally requested to move on to the Library Board. Board Member Rathke addressed her role as she understands it as a Library Board member and her thoughts on the book Sex is a Funny Word being in the library. Board Member Rathke made a motion to have the library board table any action on the book until the March meeting. The motion died with lack of a second.

Further statements were made regarding the book Sex is a Funny Word by Board Members Moenning and Pence. After making a statement Board Member Pence made a motion to retain

the book in the adult nonfiction section, seconded by Board Member Moenning. Ayes: Board Members Pence, Moenning and McClain. Nays: Board Member Rathke. Motion carries 3-1.

Reports

Library Director's Report Month in Review

Director England-Biggs gave a review of all of the meetings, presentations and classes she was involved in since the last library board meeting. She also went on to talk about some of the different events and happenings that library staff have been involved with. No action taken.

Expansion Project Update

Director England-Biggs mentioned that there have been lots of success with the expansion. She reported what has been going on as they continue to move forward with construction and let everyone know that a donation was made the night of the meeting from Richard and Betty Roeder for \$10,000, that donation was met with applause. Board Member Rathke asked how grant work was coming along and the Director mentioned that a grant to the CCCFF was written and submitted and that she believes notification of award will be by March 31st. No action taken.

Friends of the Library Update

Director England-Biggs informed the Board that the Friends met on February 6th and that was reported that Dave's Drive In took in approximately \$970 for the month of January. No action was taken.

Finance

Library Director England-Biggs stated the report was typical, communications under IT are over due to being in our temporary location and will go back to normal after we occupy the library building again. Board Member Rathke asked about Building/Improve Acquisitions line. The library director will bring additional information to the March meeting. No action taken.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made at 6:55 pm with Board Member Rathke making the motion and Board Member Pence seconding. Ayes: Pence, Moenning, Rathke and McClain. Motion Carried 4-0.

Next Regular Board Meeting will be held March 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm –Municipal Building 2nd Floor.

Prepared by Tracy Parr, Senior Office Associate

Signed by Amanda Moenning, Library Board Secretary