Anita Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, April 12th, 2023

The April meeting of the Anita Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:33 pm. Present was Al Sherbo, Marcia Casteel, Connie Russell, Diane Holmes and Librarian/ Director Sara Young. Absent was Bruce Petersen.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Connie and seconded by Al. Unanimously carried.

The floor was open to the public at 4:33 pm. No member of the public was in attendance.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion by Diane and seconded by Connie. Unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report= Approved on a motion by Marcia and seconded by Connie. Unanimously carried. Our property insurance came out which was higher than expected. Sara signed for A Community for Kids LLC sponsorship website splitting the cost between six libraries. Our books balance with the city.

Old Business:

- Roof Update- Work should start next week
- A Community for Kids Website- There are flyers at the front desk to promote. Sara is the contact for Anita.

New Business:

- Discussion of wage review- After Diane and Sara moved around numbers on the budget, a 5% wage increase for year 23-24 was approved on a motion by Diane and seconded by Connie. Unanimously carried.
- Advantage Archives- Digitalizing Newspapers
    - Grant Writing to start this process
    - This is a company in Iowa that would be able to digitalize for us.
    - One-time fee. Quote of $14,150
    - It was approved to move forward with this project by a motion by Al and seconded by Connie. Unanimously carried.
- Possible New Board Members- The new board member will start in July. Board members will bring names of possible new members to next meeting
- Community Information Brochure- This would be part of our 5-year plan to get information out to the community. This would include important numbers and contacts for services.

Buildings and Grounds: The street guys fixed the outside light bulb.

Librarian Report: Sara reported the usage has been steady and a lot of children have been coming. She will be hosting the author of the book One for Water on April 25th. Sara also talked about wanting to do more programming. There will be a book club program end of the month and she almost has the Summer Reading Program all planned.

Motion by Connie. Seconded by Diane to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm. Unanimously carried.

Marcia Casteel, Secretary