Anita Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 8th, 2023

The January meeting of the Anita Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:36 pm. Present was Al Sherbo, Marcia Casteel, Connie Russell, Bruce Petersen, Diane Holmes and Librarian/ Director Sara Young. Byrnna Kern the new Cumberland Library Director shadowed Sara during the meeting.

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

The floor was open to the public at 4:37 pm. No member of the public was in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report= Approved on a motion by Al and seconded by Marcia. Unanimously carried. Sara explained that our electric/gas bill is high due to them not being able to buy reserve like they have in the past. She also explained how City Hall will be under our Westel Systems account- they will pay their portion each month. Our levy funding will be down next fiscal year. We are looking good on our budget amounts. Our books balance with the city.

Old Business:

- Roof Update- No changes. Anticipate April to start, once it is nicer weather.

New Business:

- Budget Approval with changes from City Council- The City Council stated they would not approve the budget unless we reduced salaries to 3.5% or less. Sara agreed to this and they approved. It is actually the Board's decision on wages. Diane and Sara will bring an updated budget worksheet to next month's meeting to look at the numbers and see what amounts we can juggle around to get the staff higher wages.
- Current State Legislative Discussions- Sara and a couple other library directories attended the Library Advocacy day at the capital on March 7th. The senate has proposed taking away all individual levies and put everything in one lump sum to help lower property taxes. If this is passed it will be a huge impact on just our library alone. We will lose out on almost $8,000.
- CCLA Fundraiser- April 15th at the Venue. Pizza, Puzzles and Pub Night
- A Community for Kids Website- Sara just learned about this local website. She is hoping to join and be able to advertise events on it.

Buildings and Grounds: Nothing new.

Librarian Report: Sara reported the usage has been steady except for the usage of Bridges/Overdrive- which is at an all-time high. She stated that 41 people attended the Legislative Coffee the library held on March 4th.

Motion by Al. Seconded by Connie to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 pm. Unanimously carried.

Marcia Casteel, Secretary