

Anita Public Library Board of Trustees

Special Meeting

Saturday, February 17, 2024

The February 2024 Special meeting of the Anita Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:36 pm. Present was:

Board Members- Marcia Casteel, Bruce Petersen, Jackie Sanders, Connie Russell, Librarian/Director Sara Young

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

The floor was open to the public at 12:36 pm. The following public were in attendance:

Public- Roger Huffman, Ben Daughenbaugh, Deanna Andrews, Simon Jensen, Carolyn Modrell, Cheryl Sokol, JoAnn Poepppe, Sheryl Waddell, Connie Pettinger, Judy Neighbor, Linda Smith, and Max Smith.

Deanna commented on her disappointment of how the City Council meeting went on Wednesday.

Connie confirmed the comments she was referring to were not made by any Library Board Members.

Library Business:

- Library Budget review, and approval at City Council's budget approval of \$94,500- Sara presented a new budget with our approved amount. Sara had to cut hours as followed to be able to make the budget work. It will be difficult for Sara to get all duties completed with hours cut and only part time staff there in the afternoons. Sara is responsible for ground work, flower beds, cleaning etc. The Board will be advertising and asking for volunteer help especially in the summer. Sara will also no longer help the city write their grants as that was coming out of library time. The City's total contribution to our budget is \$39,379. The rest is from Levy's, State of Iowa Library Funding, grants, and donations. The Property Insurance Special Levy Fund will be going away next year which is around \$7,500 of our budget. Sara will be closing the gift account as of July 1, 2024. The board will also ask for our entered report as of July 1, 2024 from the city to make sure we get our approved amount since that did not happen last year.

Sara 38 hours a week @ \$21.00/hour

Carolyn 7 hours a week (w/ 1 Sat. a month) @ \$13.90/hour

Linda 6 hours a week (w/ 1 Sat. a month) @ \$11.10/hour

- Dismissal of Community Center Responsibilities
 - Removal of Wi-Fi Equipment

Sara will no longer help with the Community Center as this was out of library time and pay. She also will remove the library's owned Wi-Fi Equipment and bring it upstairs. This was approved on a motion by Jackie and seconded by Connie. Unanimously carried.

Motion by Connie, seconded by Jackie to adjourn the meeting at 1:06 pm. Unanimously carried.

Marcia Casteel, Secretary