MINUTES FOR ARTHUR PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

August 15, 2022

Present:  President Allen, Trustees Fritz, Stewart, Yeakel, Yoder; Director Pruitt. Absent: Singer

Meeting was called to order by President Allen at 6 p.m.

No visitor's comments.

Minutes were approved on a motion by Fritz, second by Stewart.

Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Yeakel, second by Yoder.

Director's report - Kelsey Pruitt

1) Landscaping Proposal. A bid was submitted by Okaw Prairie Landscapes for $12,532.00. After some discussion, the proposal was approved on a motion by Stewart, second by Yeakel.

2) Hoopla platform. Basically, Hoopla is a "one-stop-shop for all things digital entertainment. Offers library card holders instant access to nearly nine hundred thousand titles across 7 formats. Allows patrons to stream or download any title for free with a valid library card." See handout for more details. There was some discussion about how many items patrons can 'borrow' each month and costs. A $2,000 deposit is required. Discussed using part of our per capita grant to cover costs. Motion was made by Yeakel to sign up for 4 items per user per month and see how quickly our deposit is exhausted. Will reassess later if needed. Second by Yoder. Motion passed.

3) Re-key quote. Bid from Perry's Locksmith in Mattoon for $425 to rekey all locks. Motion by Fritz, second by Stewart to accept bid and have work done. Motion passed.

4) Fall programming. Cheri Burcham from the UI Extension Office will be at the library on October 1 to talk about brain health. The 'marble man' will be at the library on a date to be decided. There will be a juggling program, "Bringing Literature to Life," in September. Andrew's Wonderful World of Magic is scheduled for October 29 and Hugo Kringle will have a program on December 17.

The bills were approved on a motion by Fritz, second by Yoder.

OLD BUSINESS

Passed budget for fiscal year 2022-23 of $384,890. Passed on vote tally from each trustee. All present voted aye with one absent.

NEW BUSINESS

The local police got a grant from the Timm Trust for AEDs to be placed in various locations around town. The library will get one and training for staff on how to use the device will take place.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. on a motion by Stewart, second by Yeakel.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha K. Yeakel, Secretary