

The Lamont Public Library Board held their monthly meeting on Mon. Feb 26th at 10:00. The meeting was called to order at 10 am by President, Mary Hoefler. Those present were: Mary Hoefler, Becky AWalsh, Jessica Haynes, Susy Hotchkiss and librarian, Sarah Fletcher. Roxie Estling was absent. Susy made a motion and Becky seconded it to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by secretary, Susy. Jessica made the motion and Becky seconded it to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

BILLS: The bills were reviewed. Sarah commented that this might be our last Center Point bill as we might switch to Thorndike. We also received our new books from Amazon. Susy made the motion and Jessica seconded it to pay the bills we had. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: People commented that they like the fact that we are open on Saturdays. We will be reviewing our hours and making changes where needed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Hunter Lee Hayes of Meusers Lumber donated a very nice copy machine that they weren't using to us. They are from Guttenberg, Iowa. Susy will send them a thank you as that was greatly appreciated. Other donations: Tim Burrington gave us a big donation of books, letting us add two popular series. Miranda Cook is also going to donate some of their extra stock for our summer reading program. Sips and Quick and Handy donated gift cards and clothing to us.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: The local newspaper from Strawberry will let us print our minutes for free. This is greatly appreciated. Sarah is thinking about starting a monthly newsletter with activities we might have.

Our phone service at the library stopped on the 28th and started again on the 30th. We are also getting stats on our wi-fi usage.

OLD BUSINESS: Our policies were looked over and we will be making changes when needed.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE: These closures will be discussed at future meetings.

WEEDING: Sarah has been steadily working on weeding out old books, and she is doing a great job.

NEW BUSINESS:

BY-LAWS: Sarah gave each of us a set of the bylaws. We will be looking at these at a future meeting. Our card application policies will also be looked at. We will be looking at ways to reengage people and get them back in the library. Sarah also gave us copies of the Board Training Trustees Handbooks. These will be looked at and updated if need be. Amnesty day and a car drive are ideas we are looking at for possibly March but probably April. Susy made the motion and Becky seconded it for these possible fundraisers. All ayes, motion carried. We looked over our budget and made some possible changes. New signs for library shelves were discussed. Jessica made the motion and Susy seconded it to purchase any needed signs. All ayes, motion carried. There will be a summer reading summit on March 10th at Oelwein from 9:30 to 10:30. Sarah will attend our summer reading program. Sarah will be making us Easter baskets to give away to some lucky winner. For programs and events we discussed having a trivia game night, puzzle game night, bingo, some evening. Everyone thought these were good ideas to try and get more people to the library. Sarah asked for the 4th of April off. Becky made the motion and Susy seconded it to approve this, pending a substitute worker. All ayes, motion carried. Our next meeting will be March 17th at 10 am. Susy made the motion and Mary seconded it to adjourn at 11:42. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Susy Hotchkiss, board secretary.