Swisher Community Library

Board of Directors meeting

January 3, 2024

The Swisher Community Library Board of Directors met on January 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Board Members present were Tera Kringle, Monica Cox, Cindi Shelangoski and Ben Winborn. Library Director Laura Hoover. Caiti Rowe was absent.

Minutes:

Minutes from December 3, 2023, meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made to approve them. MSC Winborn/Shelangoski all ayes. Motion passed.

Citizen’s Comments: No citizen comments.

Director’s Report:

Financial Report: 42% of the budget at 6months of the fiscal year done.

Bills to Pay:

Bills to be paid in January 2024 were reviewed, and a motion was made to approve them.

MSC Shelangoski/Cox all ayes. Motion passed.

Monthly stats: Monthly Stats look good, of note were the increase in patrons, and for the first time Adult check-outs were higher than Children’s check-outs.

Reports and Announcements:

Assistant Librarian was out sick from Thanksgiving to Dec 16, Director was out sick the week between Christmas and New Year.

Book Club for Kids is attracting interest, we have the Giant Magna-Tiles in the Children’s room until the end of January. December Programming went well, Linda Hartly Hey and the Christmas Coasters were both successful.

We have started working on Summer Reading; High School Kids are working on a craft day and STEM night for the summer. We have decided to use the Cooperative Summer Reading Program theme of “Adventure begins at your library” instead of the State of Iowa sponsored “Read, Renew, Recycle” This will cost an extra $20, but will give us more scope to work with.

Space Needs Assessment/ Long Range Plan

We have received a grant to do the Space Needs Assessment; Shuna Stuart from IASLIS will be doing it. She will be here January 10 to measure, etc. and then be here for our February Board meeting to talk about our plans and anticipated growth. The board reviewed the Long-Range Plan to prepare for this.

Other business:

There was no other business to conduct.

Next meeting will be Wednesday February 7 at 6:00 PM

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Cox/Shelangoski, all ayes. Motion passed.