Ackley Public Library

Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2021

The Ackley Library Board held a meeting on November 1, 2021 at the library. Present were Earl Akers, Doug Boheman, Lisa Kielty, Jennifer Ibeling, Teri Elmore and Katie Lupkes, Library Director. New library assistant, Stephanie Buhman was present as well as Mike Nuss, Mayor of Ackley.

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM.

Agenda and minutes were approved for the October meeting and bills were signed by Earl and Teri.

Reports: Katie introduced Stephanie Buhman, the new Library Assistant. After a brief discussion, Stephanie was excused from the meeting. Trunk or Treat was rescheduled to Thursday, November 4 due to inclement weather.

There were no public comments.

In ongoing business, Gazebo has been ordered and should arrive soon; school will store it over the Winter. A short discussion was had as to what sort of furniture should be purchased and we agreed to think it over until the December meeting. Katie has secured two estimates on the front door closing mechanism from Iowa Falls Glass ($1800) and Z&Z Glass ($2000). Not only is Iowa Falls Glass more reasonable but they were also more responsive so they will be asked to do the work. Katie will prepare the necessary work order for the city, however, there was a discussion about whether or not the city would be responsible for the repairs done to a city owned building. Mike Nuss informed the Board that there had been a number of changes to the ordinances so we will have to investigate that issue further. In the meantime, since securing the front door is a high priority, we will move forward, using funds from the Trust and hoping to be reimbursed by the city. Regardless of whether or not the city is responsible, our budget definitely needs to be adjusted upwards from the amount of $400. Doug made a motion to approve the repair job by Iowa Falls Glass, Lisa seconded and it was approved by all.

New business: After a short discussion, all agreed to giving Barb Keninger a key to the library as she is in charge of the evening book club. Katie will compile a list of all outstanding keys and who they are assigned to. Katie sought approval from the board to reinstate the “Christmas Tea” and Open House that the Library had been having prior to the Covid outbreak. The board agreed and Katie will decide on a date which is generally close to Christmas.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34.

The next board meeting will be December 6 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Elmore