MINUTES OF THE
BELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019
6:30 p.m. Local Time

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Dick Webb at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Dick Webb, Larry Yeiter, Lee Ann Rock, Kacie Zolman, Tiffany Waldo, Sandi Schaeffer, Stephen Boggs.

GUEST

Master Gentry Allen Zolman.

MINUTES

Moved by Larry Yeiter and seconded by Sandi Schaeffer that the minutes of the June meeting be adopted. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Filed for Audit by Stephen Boggs.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

We had 66 children sign up for the summer reading program. About 40 of them actively participated and about 30 finished the program. Each movie was attended by 2-6 families and the crafts were a huge success with a full room each week. The end of the year party was enjoyed by 30 children. (Twenty-seven of them were boys!)

Story time will be held each Friday morning at 10:00 when school starts.

The children's room has been a very busy place this summer. Besides summer readers, several families come in to enjoy the air conditioning. We also have supervised visits and Bowen Center sessions almost every day.

PROGRAMMING

Summer Reading Program 2019 was a huge success! I had 40 people sign up for the adult program and quite a few staff (including board members) who participated as well. Out of 40 people, 23 of those completed the SRP. There are 3 Grand Prize winners; the top reader read over 11, 000 pages in 6 weeks! They will be awarded their prizes once their books from their wish list arrive (they've been ordered). They have been notified of their wins.

Creative Corner this month took place on Thursday, July 18th. I had 7 people in attendance, which included 3 teens. We made tie dyed silk scarves using tissue paper and a spray bottle of water. The designs turned out beautifully and a photo was featured on our Facebook

page.

Have a basic computer skills class scheduled for August that Steve has graciously volunteered to teach. Details will be in the August newsletter and I've already begun advertising in our weekly press releases and I had Anne put the information on our Facebook page.

YOUNG ADULT REPORT

June 27th we finished making our galaxy t-shirts that we had started June 20th. I had 9 participants and they painted on black shirts that they had previously tie dyed using bleach.

July 2nd we made moon pies and I had one participant.

July 9th a board game was scheduled and I had one participant.

July 16th was book but I did not have participants. I think I'm going to shake up book club and try something new.

MAINTENANCE

1. Small leak in the storage room.

2. Exterior door has been replaced in the storage room. Replacement has been ordered for the exterior door on the south side.

3. (Technology). Have begun upgrading computers to Windows 10 from Windows 7. Some units will need a hard drive and memory upgrades, others are not worth upgrading. The computers in the Teen Room are now running Linux Mint.

4. (Technology) Tech time about 30 hours this month.

5. Recommended by the Director that due to the exorbitant cost of repairing/replacing the digital sign, that no repairs/replacement be done.

6. Director will schedule a committee meeting for the Children's Department project. If a consensus cannot be made regarding the selection of carpet etc., the Director volunteered to be responsible for the project.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Attended budget workshop in Warsaw on July 23. Budget will soon be posted on the Gateway website. Need to be sure we have a quorum for the August and September meetings. Budget compilation and potential finalization was as expected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Question arose in regard to minor children entering the Library at opening time and remaining in the Library the entire day. Was discussed as a guideline that the Director or Children's Librarian politely ask a parent/guardian about the situation to make sure that the child has an alternative place to go in-case-of emergency as well as a meal during the

day.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Sandi Schaeffer and seconded by Lee Ann Rock that claims be allowed. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Richard Webb

Dick Webb, President

Lee Ann Rock

Lee Ann Rock, Acting Secretary