

March 22, 2021

The Milligan Library Board met March 22, 2021 at the Milligan Public Library.

Present were: Kathy Rischling, President; Shirley Brunkow, Treasurer; Dorothy Novak, Secretary; Beth Vavra, Director and Crystal Vavra, Director, and Mary Johnson, Director.

Kathy Rischling stated that she has decided retire as a board member. The board members thanked her for her many years of service on the board and as President. Beth Vavra and Crystal Vavra were welcomed as new members of the library board.

Mary Johnson agreed to serve as Board President. She called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Dorothy read the minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting. Shirley made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Kathy 2nd the motion. A copy of the minutes will be given to the Milligan Village Clerk.

Shirley gave the Treasurer's report. Dorothy made a motion to approve the report and Crystal 2nd the motion and the report was placed on file.

Old Business

Shirley reported that she and Dorothy had completed the 29 page 2020 Nebraska Public Library Survey on January 23, 2021.

New Business:

Shirley reported that there will be no summer reading program due to the virus and many sporting activities of the children and families. She hopes to have a group of children four years and older again the Fall.

Crystal told of a summer book reading project her children were a part of in another town some years ago. Children will select a number of books to read and the parents will verify that the children have read them and present a copy of the list to the librarians. When the goal has been met they will be rewarded with a small treat. The board agreed to implement this program. Crystal and Shirley will meet and plan the program.

Shirley read a letter from the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation and after discussion it was decided to table it for now.

Shirley also related the story about a family member of Pfc. Andrew G. Bivona, an airman killed in the 1943 bomber crash near Milligan, contacting her. The family knew nothing of this incident and was very excited to learn more, Shirley sent a copy of the dedication book and a DVD of the dedication to Mr. Burns.

Erma Zumpfe asked if it was possible to have cookbooks published by a local non profit group displayed in the window of the library. Money from the sales will be handled by the group and not be part of the library finances. Beth made a motion to approve this request and Crystal 2nd the motion.

Participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library was discussed and information about it was shared by Shirley. A number of requirements were discussed. Scott Oliva, a member of the Fillmore Co. Foundation, has offered to do paperwork and Shirley is working with someone who is already involved in the program to help get the project started. Memorial money given to the library will be used as well as canvassing local businesses. There will be a meeting to host parents explaining the program at which they can sign up their children that are eligible. Later there will be there will be publicity about specifics.

A discussion about raising the salaries of the librarians was tabled for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be June 21, 2021 at 7 PM at the library.

Shirley made a motion to adjourn, Crystal 2nd, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted.

Dorothy Novak, Secretary