

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

Board members Mark Miller, Margaret Ruggle, Rosa Gonzalez, and Heather Karolus were present. Library Director Mary Murphy and Deputy Director Misty VonBehren were also present.

President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Heather Karolus moved to approve the agenda with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Rosa Gonzalez moved and Heather Karolus seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting. MCU.

Gift Fund bills were presented with deposits and expenses explained. Heather Karolus moved and Margaret Ruggle seconded a motion to approve checks #5825 - #5829 in the amount of \$586.51 from the Gift Fund. MCU. The Board reviewed the Library line items from the FY20 City of Perry Budget.

Unfinished Business:

Building Project – The representative of our insurance carrier, Barry Bengtson of the True North Companies assured our insurance would not be affected if the library did not increase its footprint, proceed with the needed maintenance projects and other updates. Director Murphy presented the Board with a list of suggested maintenance projects and desired changes-- please see attached list. The next step would be to get estimates for the projects.

Memorials –The 'Memorial Book' was presented to the Board. The book will document memorials not designated for a specific purpose. The Board reviewed the drawing of the Lorraine Winger "Crane" art memorial that will be placed in the library foyer. The artists involved are working to install before Art on the Prairie 2019. The Richard Ehlers memorial, which is a painted wood frame for the three large children's bulletin boards - made by Joe Warnock and painted by Betsy Peterson, will also be ready to install by that time. In addition, the quilt squares designated for the large meeting room will have plaques ready with title of quilt block design and artist by Art on the Prairie timeframe. The Lillian Hand memorial that just recently came in is also designated for art in the library.

New Business:

Perry Public Library Annual Report FY2018-2019, please see attached.

Librarian's Report:

Statistics – Discuss at meeting.

To celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month this September, Perry Public Library will offer a fine forgiveness opportunity for all patrons, from September 1-30. Any patron with outstanding overdue fines may visit the library, participate in a fun Q & A orientation activity, and receive fine forgiveness for each station visited/question answered. (Ask a librarian for details!) The goal is for library patrons to become more familiar with our collections and their locations in the library.

Program Series at Perry Public Library: Stay Strong After Age 60 - September 6, 13, 20, 27

The library will host Mary Krisco from ISU Extension for a total wellness series this September called *Stay Strong After Age 60*. This is a free program series that meets at 9:00 a.m., on four consecutive Fridays, September 6, 13, 20, and 27. You do not have to be 60 to participate in this series, but the focus is on maintaining strength and health for the retirement-aged crowd. We will learn the latest science on nutrition, exercise, and brain health, and we will spend some time on movement at one session, so comfortable attire is recommended for week four.

Monthly Craft Club Series at the Library - September 9 at 6:30 p.m. The presenter and facilitator is Nicole Connick, Minburn Public Library Director, who will feature a different craft each month. The September craft will be picture frame lanterns. All supplies are provided at no cost to participants, but free will donations are accepted.

Fall Storytime sessions will begin at the library for three different age groups, September 10, 11, and 12. The theme is Planes, Trains, and Automobiles, and we will listen to stories, explore crafts and activities, and enjoy snacks with a transportation theme. The Toddler Time group meets on Tuesday mornings, at 10:15; Fun for Fours & Fives meets on Wednesdays, also at 10:15, and the Wee Wonders group (infants and babies up to 18 months), meets at 10:30 on Thursday mornings.

Dallas County Reads NonFiction Event - September 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodward Methodist Church
The featured book is *Creating the Black Utopia of Buxton Iowa* by Rachelle Chase.

The September meeting of the Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will be Tuesday, September 17, at 1:00 p.m., in the Clarion Room, Security Bank Building, 1102 Willis Avenue. The September title is the Dallas County Reads non-fiction book, *Creating the Black Utopia of Buxton Iowa* by Rachelle Chase.

Beginning Spanish Class Starts at the Library - September 17 and on the following 13 Tuesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., with time off for holidays. The class emphasizes conversational Spanish and is free and open to anyone interested.

The library will be closed from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 19, for staff training. We will re-open at 3:30 p.m. to the public. Thank you for your patience as we dedicate this time to improve our skills to better serve you!

Remembering the Apron Program at Perry Public Library - September 23 at 6:30 p.m. with guest speaker Sheila Craig. Sheila is a retired Extension Educator with the University of Minnesota and grandmother from Preston, Minnesota, formerly of Decorah. She has been sharing her knowledge and love of the apron for nearly fifteen years! She will talk about fabrics, trims, and styles, as well as how aprons were used in the past, and share about 100 specimens from her collection of over 400 aprons!

Perry Public Library will host a Medicare Basics education seminar conducted by Licensed Insurance Agents Aaron Thacker and Ali Chambers, on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:00 p.m. The seminar is free and open to the public and will provide an overview of Medicare and what it does/does not cover, information on supplements and Advantage plans, as well as advice on how to protect your savings from out-of-pocket expenses. If you are approaching 65 or making plans for retirement, plan to attend this helpful seminar.

The new boilers are in place. The system controls have been tested. Alliant Energy has been contacted to check their meter and its grounds. Report at meeting.

The Community Health Administrator Abigail Chihak of the Dallas County Health Department contacted the library about participating in a Telligen Grant proposed by the Iowa Department of Public Health. The grant project is titled, "Harnessing the Power of Iowa's Libraries," and will focus on supporting and equipping Iowa's libraries with tools, resources, and programs to address social determinants of health and improve population health. Perry Public Library will be one of two pilot projects; the other will be Cedar Rapids Public Library - one rural community and one urban community.

Board Education: Perry Public Library's Annual Report

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 8 a.m. in the library's small meeting room. Please enter by the east door. It will be open. The public is always welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director