Bedford Public Library

September 4, 2012 Board of Trustee Meeting

The Trustees of the Bedford Public Library held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 04, 2013 with the following members present: Noer, McLearen, Hall, Cummings, Tribolet, Dowling, Dowis, and Schaub.

President Noer called the meeting to order at 5 pm. Dowling moved to approve the agenda which was seconded by Dowis. Motion carried. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Tribolet moved, seconded by Hall to approve the new bills. Motion carried. It was moved by McLearen and seconded by Tribolet to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Jennifer Green, a representative of the Creston, IA Workforce, presented information to the trustees concerning the testing being conducted statewide for those who wish to obtain National Career Readiness Certificates. These certificates indicate the level of readiness in the areas of applied mathematics, reading for information and locating information. Many employers in the state are taking a stand by asking for these certificates when one is applying for work. The federal gov't. does not provide funds to rent facilities for this test. Ms. Green is coming to the smaller towns in the Creston Region so that those who may not have transportation to Creston can be tested. She requested the use of the library basement facility for testing on Oct. 3 from 1-4:30 pm. Hall moved, seconded by Cummings to allow use of the facility. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was then held concerning new flooring for the library. The present flooring has been in place for at least 45 years and replacement is badly needed. Possibilities for grants were discussed and included IA Western Foundation, Pioneer Seed, Wal-Mart, USDA Rural Development, Harrah's, Project Main Street and the Taylor County Endowment Grant. Because the samples which had been obtained were so expensive, Vic will be looking at other sources for appropriate tile. Hopefully a local business will be hired to lay the tile. When the approximate costs are known, some viable grants will be determined and applications made, a publicity campaign will be started for to cover the remainder of the cost.

Tanya reminded the group that it will be soon time to start planning for next year's budget as it must be presented to the city council in January. She also asked for the board's wishes as to the Halloween beggar night festivities. The board unanimously approved closure of the library at 4:30 so that she can set up on Main Street to pass out library magnets and candy. The board also suggested that she close during the homecoming parade if she so desires.

There being no further business before the board, Tribolet moved, seconded by Dowling to adjourn. Motion carried.