

## COLEMAN AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA January 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Robison, Coon, Scott, Middleton, Anthony, Director Nelson and Amy

Absent: Tigner

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**MINUTES** Motion by Anthony, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Middleton to adopt the Minutes for the Annual Budget Hearing and December Annual Meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report.** Motion by Coon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott to approve the December Treasurer's Report. All yes. Motion carried.

**Bills.** Motion by Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> by Middleton to pay the Bills. All yes. Motion carried.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Technology Grant Innovations**—Amy made a presentation concerning the \$11,000.00 Technology and Innovation grant that we received from MMLC for our 2024. A small portion of the funds will be used to develop a MAKERSPACE. This community space will be made up of two areas called "COLLAB + CREATE". The "COLLAB" (Coleman Digitization Lab) which will include a variety of tools and equipment for patrons to digitize family history, regain access to older videos, share photos and more. The CREATE area will include supplies and technology that will enable people to make an endless variety of creative projects from working on scrapbooks or greeting cards with the Cricut machine, creating unique designs with a 3D pen, to recording family history of stories with professional-level equipment. Some of the equipment is already owned by the library (through donations of previous grants) and some will be newly purchased with this Tech and Innovation grant. The area will be free to use and Amy will create basic instructions and flyers and videos for equipment that needs more guidance.

Additionally, we will be using funds from the grant to purchase additional Library of Things items that will circulate to the public. Some of these include: Health items (such as a blood pressure cuff and pulse oximeter), Home Safety items (a thermal imaging camera to detect hot/cold spots and more, a home radon detector) and a tool kit with a drill which will be helpful for library staff as well as the general public.

**AARP Tax Appointments** —Of the original 160 original appointments, approximately 73 are still open.

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**State Aid Report**—The report was completed and filed the last week of December.

**Current Tax Payments** : We've received tax payments from all 3 entities and they have been deposited.

**Programs: Puzzle Night**—Last Thursday 11 participants showed up for the evening event. We had gift certificates for the Old Brick Bakery as prizes. Wendy and Amy made soup, I purchased a variety of crackers and we provided beverages. We had a mother and daughter come from Beaverton. Their library offers something similar, but you have to over 13 to attend. Our next event is the **"Lord of the Rings" Trivia Night** on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

We received the reimbursement check from **Midland Area Community Foundation**—for 2023 repairs in the amount of \$3,736.11 earlier this month.

**Recent Gifts**—to the library have been from Karl and Mary **Frevel**--\$400.00 for 2 small book carts, and we are expecting a gift from the **Eastern Stars**, in the amount of \$200.00. We also purchased a platform truck to help us cart around donated books and IRS boxes. **Laingsburg Public Library** gave us 8 plexiglass and wood revolving paperback book displays to use for booksales.

**Weather Closings**—Last week we closed at one on Tuesday, all day Wednesday and Saturday morning due to the snow and ice.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Coon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott to adjourn. All yes. Motion carried.