

COLEMAN AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA April 18, 2023

The April Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Scott, Middleton, Anthony, Tigner, Robison and Director Nelson.

Absent: Coon

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Motion by Robison, 2nd by Scott to approve the March 21, 2023 Board Minutes. All Yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: The March Treasurer's Report was tabled Until May, pending a correction.

Bills: Motion by Middleton, 2nd by Scott to pay the Bills. All yes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Calkins Electric Update. Calkins Electric replaced the bulbs for the large chandeliers a few weeks ago. They were able to track down the elusive bulbs from another company and we ordered spars for each chandelier to stockpile. Last week they came back to work on the exterior lights.

Easter Egg Hunt Update. Our head count for the April 8th scavenger egg hunt totaled 87 children and 58 adults. I think the church had a slightly higher count, but I think some of the first-time participants were somewhat confused and missed some of the stops along the way and just followed other crowds. There were 3 teams involved.

Another Easter activity was a "Peeps" diorama and we had entries. Each was awarded a \$5.00 gift card to Mama's Market, which recently began serving pizza by the slice and ice cream cones.

AARP update. We scheduled 118 tax appointments this year and provided service to a minimum of 151 individuals. This is a slight decrease from last year. Other than having to re-schedule due to a snow day, things went smoothly. Having them here instead of at the Community Center made it easier on everyone.

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Money Smart Story Hour. On April 13th, Dow Credit Union sent a representative to read a book geared to children on money management. Third and fourth graders were divided into groups and one group was “sold” stickers with “currency” we provided while the other group was in story hour. The children decorated little cardboard banks with stickers and markers and seemed to have a good time. We had 43 kids and 10 adults participating at the event.

Backflow Prevention Test. I received a letter from the City informing me that it is time for the backflow prevention test again. It is now an annual event. I contacted Patterson Plumbing to get on the list. The City wants it completed by the end of May, but the testers say it should be done after the irrigation system is up and running. That makes for a time crunch in May, depending on when system are up and running.

Pilcrow Grant –Amy was successful in obtaining a Picrow Grant for children’s book again. Our \$400.00 match will be tripled by Pilcrow. The money we raised came entirely from gifts that we received from Arthell Haggerty’s memorial. I am awaiting final paperwork and will be using the books to augment our Summer Reading Program.

Play—“Always, Tess “. Retired CMU Professor Raymond Goodwin has written another play and unlike others it is a one-woman play. A former CMU student will be performing the hour-long play on May 18th. We will be serving light refreshments and the public is invited to attend the play which will be Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Honor Society Bake Sale. The bake sale will be at the library in the community room. Set up will be after school on Thursday, April 20th. The public is welcome to purchase at this time. The main event will be Friday, April 21st.

State Aid. The first State Aid check arrived last week in the amount of \$2299.38, an increase of \$60.00 over last year’s first of two payments.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Robison, 2nd by Scott to adjourn. All Yes. Motion carried.