

MINUTES
CEDAR FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCE COMMITTEE
June 30, 2021 4:00 PM
Cedar Falls Public Library
524 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
Conference Room

Members present: Blair-Broeker, Kenyon (via phone), Sulentic; Staff: Daniels, Stern.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM.

1. Financial updates

Director Stern noted that more updates will be given next week. Assistant Daniels discussed some of the requests that had been closed out since the last meeting, and some that would be closed out soon. Director Stern noted that she is working on getting a presentation from USBank regarding the financial position of the library's investments.

2. Grant Requests

a. Youth Browsing Bins 2021 (Berg)

Director Stern noted that having browsing bins will present the materials better for children as they are less likely to pull out a book, look it over, pull out another book, etc. She noted that in addition to the money being requested from Berg, that \$40,000 is going to be requested from the Friends as well.

MOTION: (Blair-Broeker, Kenyon) to approve presenting the funding request to the Board.
Passed.

b. Reupholstery of Library Chairs 2021 (Building)

Director Stern noted the types of chairs that are to be reupholstered. She noted that the company, Ye Olde Strippery, is the same one that has been used for a previous reupholstering project. Director Stern showed the sample chair that the company completed. She noted that the material is vinyl which will allow for easier cleaning. Director Stern noted that they will also be replacing the gliders so the chairs won't tear the new carpet. President Sulentic inquired if the amount listed will cover everything. Director Stern noted that it would. President Sulentic noted that the cost per chair is pretty reasonable. He then inquired about how long it would take to do all of the chairs. Director Stern noted that the company will be taking 10 chairs at a time until they have completed all of them.

MOTION: (Blair-Broeker, Kenyon) to approve presenting the funding request to the Board.
Passed.

3. Miscellaneous

Director Stern noted that the library is receiving \$5,000 through an ARPA grant in order to purchase a book bike. The color scheme of the bicycle was discussed, and it was noted that it would have an electric assist. President Sulentic inquired about where this would be taken. Director Stern then mentioned some ongoing outreach programs that this could potentially be taken to. President Sulentic then inquired if materials could be checked out to patrons. Director Stern noted that she has discussed this with Librarian Gitchell Thompson, and that if a laptop with our ILS, a hotspot, and barcode scanner accompanies the bike, then materials can be checked out. Member Blair-Broecker then inquired about signage. Director Stern noted that for a small fee the company can print a logo on the book bike. Member Kenyon noted he thinks the purchase is a good idea, and could be used to show proper safety precautions such as wearing a helmet, stopping at stop signs, etc. as well.

Meeting adjourned (Sulentic, Blair-Broecker) at 4:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Daniels, Secretary Pro-Tem