Minutes -- Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing

Hansen Community Library Board of Trustees
Hansen Community Library, 120 Maple Ave W, Hansen, ID 83334
August 7, 2023 – 7 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Walt Freestone, Elva McNurlin, Eileen Turner and Sheryl VerWey

STAFF: Cindy Bjorneberg

GUESTS: None

BUDGET HEARING

Chair Walt Freestone called the budget hearing to order at 7:01 p.m.

Cindy shared the final L-2 numbers as presented by the County of Twin Falls.

Elva moved to approve the budget as published, Eileen seconded the motion, motion carried.

Budget hearing was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chair Walt Freestone called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Sheryl moved to approve the agenda as presented, Elva seconded the motion, motion carried.

MINUTES: Eileen moved to approve the minutes as presented, Sheryl seconded the motion, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eileen served as treasurer. Cindy read the report and asnwered questions regarding the state LGIP (local government investment pool) and other savings accounts. Eileen moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Sheryl seconded the motion, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
Esser— Cindy reported that between 11 and 17 teens ranging in age from 10 to 20 have attended the four Adulting 101 sessions on sewing, auto care, carpentry and cooking. One last session on camping is set for Aug. 14 at Murtaugh Lake so the participants can roast the homemade marshmallows they made during the cooking session. Elva suggested looking into the Cooking Matters adult program through the Idaho Food Bank for future programming ideas.

Hansen Day Bingo & Parade – Eileen reported on how Bingo during Hansen Day. She said the increase in price from 50 cents to $1 (a decision made by the City of Hansen) was an eye brow raiser for participants. Most participants come with a budget and once they have spent their budget, they stop playing. The City and other organizers had done a fabulous job of collecting prizes but it was hard to keep folks playing at $1 per card. People will play 3 or 4 cards at 50 cents per card but only 1 card at $1 per card. Eileen enjoyed calling bingo and would do it again but recommended 50-cents a card and having more people on hand to collect money and hand out cards. In addition to the prizes collected by the Hansen Day committee, Eileen also got gift cards from T&T, the C-Store and South Hills Saloon. The library earned $351 from running bingo. Cindy said the parade also went well.

LTAI – The Kimberly Library has received the LTAI grant for the coming winter. The schedule is:

Jan. 18, 2024 – "Stump Ranch Pioneer" by Nellie Portrey Davis
Feb. 8, 2024 – "Sweet Promised Land" by Robert Laxalt
Feb. 29, 2024 – "Stories that Make the World" by Rodney Frey

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Composition– Eileen plans to tender her resignation at the September meeting. She has talked with a community member who is an active library patron plus has experience with public budgets and policies. She has enjoyed her time on the board but also wants to travel more.

Possible Levy Override – The board discussed future budgets and comparisons between the Hansen Library budget and other libraries of a similar size. Even if the levy override vote passes this November, the library will not see any of the money until January 2025. Eileen moved to run a permanent levy override in the November 2023 election for $87.000, Sheryl seconded the motion, motion carried. Cindy will make sure to get all the needed information for the election by the September 5th meeting.

Library Bills – Rep. Chenelle Dixon is working on alternate library legislation that would be less onerous than the bills proposed during the last two legislative sessions. Rep. Dixon is meeting with the Kimberly Library Board in September to discuss this issue. Cindy will see if the Hansen board can join the Kimberly board for a joint session with Rep. Dixon.

Gtants – Cindy will apply for the Forever Idaho grant to make the building more handicap accessible and the K Readiness Grant from the Idaho Commission for Libraries. Both grant applications are due later in August.

MVLS/ICfL– Cindy will attend the Director 101 graduation and training in Boise on Aug. 11. The next MVLS meeting is set for Monday, Aug. 14 at Burley. Rep. Chenelle Dixon and other area legislators will meet with library directors from across the Magic Valley to discuss the upcoming legislative session.

DIRECTOR UPDATE: The bad computer luck continued with the director computer losing a port today and hence not being able to connect to the internet. Cindy spent several hours with various computer gurus trouble shooting the problem.

Cindy also reported that the library will cease offering online storytime as a weekly feature after Labor Day. Viewership remains strong but the average view time has slipped to 6 seconds to people see it scrolling through their social media but don't watch it any longer. We will continue to offer special online story times for holidays.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Attest:

Cindy Bjorneberg
Director

Walt Freestone
Chairman

Pending Items:

Complete Kindergarten Readiness Grant for 2024 – Cindy
Complete Forever Idaho grant -- Cindy
Administer ARP – ESSER Summer Support Grant – Cindy
Confirm trustee appointment process with County Clerk – Cindy
Confirm levy override process – Cindy
Call Kimberly Lib about joining them for special meeting with Rep. Dixon -- Cindy
Develop Inventory List – Cindy

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the regular Library Board of Trustees meeting at the Hansen Community Library, 120 West Maple Avenue, Hansen, Idaho, on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 7 p.m. concerning the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

	Actual Budget 2021-22	Amended Current Budget 2022-23	Proposed Budget 2023-24
Revenue			
Property Tax Revenue	$54,522	$56,917	$59,083
Property Tax Replacement	2,195	2,195	2,195
State Sales Tax	4,140	4,140	3,200
Gifts & Grants	1,830	7,000	500
Other Income	807	409	700
Grant carryover	5,143	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	$68,637	$70,661	$65,678
Expenditures			
Payroll (+ taxes)	$27,966	$34,170	$34,863
Collection Development	17,233	13,100	14,950
Grant Expenses	5,539	7,000	0
Operating Expenses	10,621	14,403	15,865
M & O Subtotal	$64,773	$68,673	$65,678
Capital Outlay	3,158	7,619	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	$67,931	$76,292	$65,678