

Crawford County Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2016

Election of Board Officers for 2016.

Before the meeting was called to order, Pat made a motion to have the officers to remain the same from last year: President, Angela Crecelius, Vice President Suzanne Nevins, Secretary Donna Smith, and Treasurer Don Standiford. Donna seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting was called to order by President Angela Crecelius. Members present were Donna Smith, Don Standiford, Lance Stroud and Pat Michels. Director Tracy Underhill was also present. Gene Mattingly and Suzanne Nevins were not present.

Lance made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Don seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Financial Reports and Claims

Board discussed Financial Reports and Claims for February. Donna made a motion to approve the Financial Reports and Claims for February. Pat seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business

Storage shed. The board discussed the placement of the new storage shed. It will be delivered in April, depending on the weather. The board asked Tracy to discuss with Darren Ballard the work needed before the shed is placed. The work includes placing ground covering plastic where the shed will be placed, then covering it with gravel. The board will also need him to set blocks so that the shed will not be directly on the ground.

New Business

Library Safety Issues. The director made the board aware that for the past two years, it has been legal in Indiana for patrons to carry a gun into a library. It has also been legal for a staff member to have a weapon secured in their vehicle in the parking lot but it is up to each individual Library Board to decide about allowing staff members to bring them into the building. Tracy also brought to the board's attention recent incidents at the library which have caused the library staff to be concerned about their safety. These incidents did not involve guns but they were, nevertheless, greatly concerned. Tracy discussed with the board the possibility of a staff member, who has a permit to legally carry a handgun, bringing it into the building and securing it under lock while they are there. Possibly having a taser in the library was also discussed. After discussion, it was decided that Angela and Tracy would consult with an attorney about legality issues and what the wording should be on a handgun and/or taser policy. Tracy will also discuss this issue with our insurance company. The board will discuss this further after receiving the information from the attorney and insurance company.

Other Items of Business

Easter Egg Hunt. Due to the unpredictable weather in March, there will not be an Easter Egg Hunt at the library this year.

Lance made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don seconded. Motion passed 5-0.