**Cherokee Public Library**

**Library Board Meeting**

**February 3, 2021**

Board meeting was called to order with the following members present: Jomi Anderson, Deb Hankens, Betty Berigan, Linda Burkhart, Lisa Perrin, Julie Wright, Loretta Barrett, Darla Struck, and Al (Alan) Julius via Zoom.

Board consensus approved the minutes from the January meeting. A motion was made by Deb/Lisa and passed to approve the bills in the amount of $3,738.93. Budget review noted that the library is very fiscally responsible, noting that the facility is under projections for spending in spite of the $14,900 elevator expense not being amended from the budget.

In old business, library hours and services were addressed. Discussion regarding offering more hours were addressed, but board consensus was not to move too fast this month with vaccines being released to the community. There was also a point made to hire a replacement for Erin’s old position before normal hours of operation resume. Julie/Lisa moved that computers are reopened since community health organizations are utilizing online sign-ups for vaccines and it is tax season. Staff raises were certified for part time staff per the recommendations of the budget committee Betty/Deb.

In the new business the board addressed the agreement with Larrabee to contract services per Iowa Code 256.69. Pricing was discussed, noting that the city contributes nearly $40 per capita while the county contributes $16 for rural residents. At $400 annually, Larrabee contributes what amounts to $2.63 per capita. Board motioned to charge a rate of $10 per capita and move towards signing a 28E agreement which should have been in place with the original agreement, and move towards funding at the county rural level Linda/Darla. The heritage collection policy was reviewed and adopted by the board to replace the genealogy policy in current standing as a way to incorporate the separate Iowa collection in with like books in that collection Julie/Betty. It was also moved to remove the broken microfilm machines immediately Deb/Betty/Al.

December circulation statistics showed a decline of traditional books, but the largest single month ever for online materials. Magazines in particular were up nearly 1,200%.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned Darla/Deb. The next meeting is March 3, 2021.