**Cherokee Public Library**

**Library Board Meeting**

**April 7, 2021**

Board meeting was called to order with the following members present: Jomi Anderson, Linda Burkhart, Lisa Perrin, Julie Wright, Loretta Barrett, Al Julius via Zoom.

Board consensus approved the minutes from the March meeting Lisa/Linda. A motion was made by Julie/Linda and passed to approve the bills in the amount of $7,667.31.

In old business, the board discussed hours of operation and events at the library. Board consensus was given current data, to move forward being open Monday 10-8, Tuesday & Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 10-8, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 10-2. Quarantining materials has been removed from library procedure. Masks are still mandated to wear in the building Julie/Linda.

In the new business the board addressed the agreement with the Cherokee Area Archives, which was put in place in September of 1998 by City Council. Key agreement provisions had not been revisited by the board since 1998, and there were a number of sub-agreements made over the years which had neither board nor City Council approval. Per the recommendations of the city attorney, the board motioned Linda/Al to terminate the agreement with the archives effective June 30, 2021, and move forward with a lease, which is renewable for three years. Council too would have to sign off on the new agreement. Linda and Julie will meet with the archives as soon as the new lease is finished being drafted by the city attorney.

Library shelving concerns were discussed with the board, given that large print and dvds are outgrowing their current allotment for spacing. Different options were discussed and considered. Board moved Linda/Loretta to go forward with moving some sections of library materials to better suit current shelving needs and continue to explore other shelving options to purchase down the road. Finally, the circulation desk renderings were shown to the board. Lisa/Linda motioned for the library to continue on with the project in spite of there being a delay with Iowa Prison Industries in the potential delivery of the unit because of an attempted prison escape and murder of two prison workers.

The board read Raegan’s report regarding programming and motioned to suspend the Sit&Stitch program for two weeks because of a COVID outbreak Linda/Loretta. Erin shared that she has been working on various projects in the catalog to make it more efficient, as well as fix errors with uniform titles and authors which were duplicated or outright wrong in the system. March statistics showed a 22% decrease in circulation. This was the last month which the library had pre-COVID numbers to consider, so it can be noted that statistics going forward may better reflect the current environments and attitudes towards COVID and library usage.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned Jomi/Linda. Next meeting is May 5, 2021 at 8:30 AM.