**Cherokee Public Library**

**Library Board Meeting**

**May 5, 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. Nate Reinert was present as a guest from a local tabletop gaming group.

Reinert presented a plan regarding KeeCon, which has been the library’s version of a comic-con over the last four years. Reinert and the Roll Initiative group proposed making the event a multi-day gaming convention for adults in the area, given the success of their monthly programs at the library with 30+ participants. Reinert asked for the library’s support as a partner without financial obligation to the library. Julie/Deb motioned to continue conversation/partnership with Roll Initiative and KeeCon. Board also considered a request for a bench on the ground of the library for Avis Grundman. Board okayed the bench, but requested that the director inquire of Tom Grundman is to be added on the bench. Furthermore, the bench is to be placed by the bike racks and not in front of the building Deb/Linda.

Board consensus approved the minutes from the April meeting Linda/Betty. A motion was made by Betty/Lisa and passed to approve the bills in the amount of $3,643.93.

In old business, hours and services were discussed at the library. While the library is open to normal operating hours, the business of masks was brought up. Discussion ranged from the pros of masks given CDC guidance, and the cons with higher vaccination rates, low community numbers, and waning compliance with community members to wear masks and the director having to be more direct with addressing those to wear a mask. It was motioned to keep masks at least another month by Linda/Betty with ayes from Lisa and Jomi. Nays were Julie, Loretta, and Deb.

In the new business the board approved participation for the BRIDGES agreement with the state library for continued participation in the program Deb/Jomi. The meeting room policy was discussed, and consensus was to go with what was presented to the board, but adding in Le Mars’ point #26 in that the library is not responsible for personal property which may occur Linda/Deb/

Raegan shared progress with beginning programming again in the month of May at the schools, as well as finishing planning for summer reading while painting a wall in the youth department. Erin shared progress of the heritage collection as well as shared the numerous errors in the cataloging of materials within the collection previously. Board remarked how nice both sections looked and are pleased with the progress

April circulation statistics showed the first increase of circulation in a year, at 82.4%.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned Jomi, Deb. The next meeting is June 9, 2021 to accommodate for the Memorial Day holiday and bills for May.