

**FARMERSVILLE LIBRARY / CIVIC CENTER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

February 26, 2015 at 4:30 P.M.

The Farmersville Library/Civic Center Board met in regular session on February 26, 2015 at 4:30 pm with the following members present: Judy Brandon, Sharon Spangler, Leaca Caspari, Sarah Odom and City Council Liaison member Michael Hesse. Members absent: Rafiqa Huddleston. Staff Members present: Trisha Dowell.

Item I) CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Judy. A quorum was present.

Item II) RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

Austin Miller and Melanie Miller attended the meeting to address the library board about the Free Little Library project.

Item III – A) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2014

Leaca made a motion to approve the library board minutes and Sarah seconded, motion carried with all in favor.

ITEM III – B) CIVIC CENTER USE AND REVENUE

The mayor wanted the Library and Civic Center board to discuss and weigh the use and rental against the deficit of its upkeep in the hopes to make a recommendation that will balance the costs of use and upkeep for the Civic Center. After discussing this issue the board requested that Trisha get additional information so they can further discuss and make a recommendation to the City Council.

The additional information that was requested was:

- Which staff member is in charge of Civic Center rentals and if they could come to the next meeting to provide more information.
- The estimate of cleaning cost per rental.
- Accounting information about Civic Center funds and a better breakdown of funds received and expended for the Civic Center on the Civic Center report.
- A list of organizations that use the Civic Center.
- A list of which civic organizations that are not cleaning up after use.
- The current rental and deposit costs.
- The board requests that there be documentation (pictures taken) as proof that can be shown when the Civic Center was not cleaned to standard by renters.

ITEM III – C) LIBRARY REPORT

Trisha Dowell gave the library report for the months of October, November and December 2014.

In October: The staff dressed up for Halloween and gave out treat bags to children who visited the library on Halloween day. She noted that circulation numbers overall are steadily increasing.

In November: The "Food for Fines" program began again, 45 items given, \$25 in fines forgiven.

In December: The "Food for Fines" count for December was: 33 items given, \$25.80 fines forgiven. The 2nd annual "Count the Elves on the Shelves" event had approximately 40 participants, 6 prizes were given away and it was great fun for everyone.

ITEM III – D) CIVIC CENTER REPORT

The board was given a report which showed an estimate of Civic Organizations and Paid Renters as well as Revenue and Expenditures as of October 1, 2014. The Civic Center as of this fiscal year is in a deficit of \$1,699.20.

ITEM III – E) DISCUSS “LITTLE FREE LIBRARY” PROJECT

Judy approached the Boy Scout leader Greg Barber about the Free Little Library project. Boy Scout Austin Miller wants to make the free little library as his Eagle Scout project. For this project to qualify as an Eagle Scout project it still needs to be approved by the local Scout committee and the District Board. Austin and his mother, Melanie brought some print out samples and the board discussed the best possible design of the little library.

To register the Free Little Library with the global Free Little Library organization it costs approximately \$34.95 for the registration and official sign. Funding for the project can be provided as a part of the Eagle Scout project, or the board and Austin can seek funding from around the community.

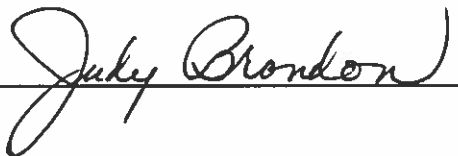
Once the project has been approved by the Boy Scout Eagle Scout project committee and the Boy Scout district board, a design will be chosen and Austin will take it to City Council for approval at the March 24th meeting. The hope is to have a cardboard prototype or picture for the council to get a better idea of the overall design. Austin is planning on having the project completed by the end of April.

ITEM IV) DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Free little library.
Civic Center Rental.

ITEM V) ADJOURNMENT

Leaca made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sarah seconded, motion carried. The Library/Civic Center Board adjourned at 5:38 p.m.



Chair