

2021 June director's report

1. Not good news on the budget income front. The library will NOT be receiving the county portion of State Aid, totaling \$11,822. Director had in fact understood the change in the funding formula and his communications with the assistant state librarian the end of 2020 was the correct interpretation. The state library called on May 26th to inform the director they had entered the wrong data set for all the public libraries across the state and VCBC library did not meet the maintenance of effort requirements for Barnes County.
2. Received a visit from Sue Peterson, insurance agent at Dacotah Bank, regarding our building insurance policy. We were already informed of a 14% increase however the underwriters saw the building was on the historic register and will be increasing the rate because of it. The new rate will be \$1452. We had budgeted \$1300 for 2021.
3. The license for the Sonicwall, our network firewall expired the end of March. Our IT support company missed the renewal. Director expressed his dissatisfaction to our service rep. Director okayed renewing the license for an additional three years for a cost of \$2824 or \$941 per year. Year to year cost is \$1165 so by going with the three year we save \$671. We currently have \$500 per year budgeted.
4. Summer Learning kick off was a big success. We had between 125 and 150 people show up including several new families. Circ stats for kids are almost back to normal with 521 items checked out in the first two weeks. June 2019 had 1281 for the whole month.
5. Personnel stuff: Director hired Hunter Smith as a 10 hour library page. Hunter impressed everyone with how helpful and personable he was during a work study precovid. Tuya resigned and is moving on to her new position.