

Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday January 8, 2020

The Lawton Public Library Board met at 4:00 pm in Meeting Room 2 at the Main Library.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted in accordance with Oklahoma Law.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantzie Couch, Member; Ellouise Love, Member; Tom Rine, Member; Jenny Breeden, Friends Representative; Kristin Herr, Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Randy Warren, City Council Liaison (Absent); Bart Hadley, Deputy City Manager (Absent), Guest: Michael Bender, Eagle Boy Scout

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the November 6, 2019 meeting as presented. (Kremmer/Love)

The Financial Report was given. Kristin stated that there is a transfer in the works to move some money. Kristin also discussed the possibility of the Library receiving more book money from the City due to an omission of the County money in the budget. Kristin stated that the State Aid will be coming in soon after the Mayor signs the contract.

The Library Director's Report was given. Kristin described the United Way fundraiser in November that ended with her being slimed. Kristin told the Board about the various events and activities occurring at the library. Customer Comments were discussed at this time. There were a few comments from customers about the appropriateness levels of the YA Graphic Novels. There was a small discussion and Kristin stated that the library is still working through what they feel is necessary to do. Kristin told the Board about the two new hires, Taylor and Alison. Kristin also told the Board about Tanya passing her classes soon becoming a certified trainer.

The Friends' report was given. Jenny told the Board that the next Friends' meeting will take place on January 27th with Priscilla Sacks from the AMBUCS coming to speak to the group. The Friends will also be selling book and DVDs at the Soulful Story event.

There was nothing to report for SWOGS except that the Memory Center grant winner will be announce on January 22nd.

City Council Agenda Items:

- State Aid will go to City Council on January 14th for acceptance.

Unfinished Business:

- Updates for the renovation project were given. The tentative start date for renovation is February 3rd. The meeting rooms will not be available during renovation. In addition, the bathrooms will not be available and therefore the library will have portable facilities. The renovation can take up to 6 months.

- Kristin reported that the library now has a handicap van accessible parking spot. Public Works worked to create the new parking spot, better ramps, and also restriped part of the parking lot.
- Kristin reported that due to renovations, the tax preparation will be held in the back of the library.
- Kristin reported that the Storywalk posts shipped on Monday and should arrive this week. To go along with the Storywalk, there will also be a community health bingo challenge.
- Kristin reported that Cameron may be installing a free little library in Elmer Thomas Park.
- Kristin reported that Jack Hanna of the Parks and Recreation department would like for the individuals at the library to record themselves reading books so that the recordings may be played at the radio station in Elmer Thomas Park.

New Business:

- A new strategic plan for the library was presented to the Board. The Board decided to table the discussion until everyone had a chance to look at the strategic plan more.
- Kristin distributed an article about abolishing late fees to the Board. Kristin stated she just wanted to bring up the concept and possibly the concept of an amnesty event. She stated that the Board would receive a proposal at the next meeting.
- The 6-month statistics were presented to the Board. The statistics remain steady.

There were no comments or concerns from the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm. /Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III