

Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday January 3, 2024

The Lawton Public Library Board met at 4:00 pm in Meeting Room 1 at the Lawton Public Library.

Notice of the meeting and agenda was posted in accordance with Oklahoma law.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantzie Couch, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member; Jenny Breeden, Friends Representative (Absent); Kristin Herr, Library Director; Tina King, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Councilman Robert Weger, Guest; Michael Wilson, Guest

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for November 1, 2023 meeting as presented. (Couch/Viruet)

Tina King was introduced as the new Deputy Library Director.

Customer comments and correspondence were presented to the Board. There were several positive emails about our recent events and crafts. Some Google reviews, both negative and positive, were presented.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin stated that the State Aid money has yet to be issues. She also spoke about the various percentages left in each account and that there may need to be transfers in the future.

The Library Director's Report was given. Kristin reported that Amanda Golden, Library Assistant, received her Public Library Academy certification. Kristin announced that Daniel Phelps, Library Technology Specialist, has been out sick and is working remotely for a few hours per week.

The Friends of the Library Report was given. Patty informed the Board that the next Friends meeting would take place on January 22nd with Kate Briner as the speaker. She will be speaking about the Comanche Language and Cultural Preservation Committee initiatives to revitalize the Comanche language. Fliers for the 2024 Soulful Story event were passed out to the Board as well.

There was nothing to report for SWOGS/Family History.

City Council Report:

- Robert stated that the City and Council are very busy.
- Robert reported that the roads are being worked on.
- Robert read a petition to the Board that had been sent to the Mayor about the Library's displays.
 - No contact information was provided in the petition,

Unfinished Business:

- Kristin provided a report updating the Board about the Library's various grants.
 - Kristin informed the Board that the Library had been offered another grant for operations.
- Kristin gave a quick rundown of the various HVAC problems and their current status.

New Business:

- The Displays and Display Policy was discussed and it was decided that it would be reviewed for possible changes.
- Two changes to the Collection Development and Maintenance Policy were presented to the Board.
 - The changes were unanimously approved by the Board. (Couch/Viruet)

Comments from the Floor:

- Kristin offered tours of the Library to anyone who wished to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm/ Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant