

Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday January 4, 2023

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 4:00 pm by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair (Absent); Frantzie Couch, Member; Ellouise Love, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member (Arrived at 4:02 pm); Jenny Breeden, Friends Representative; Kristin Herr, Library Director; Kathy Hines, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Randy Warren, City Council Liaison (Absent); Dwayne Burk, Deputy City Manager (Absent); Megan Loftis, City of Lawton Legal Assistant

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the November 2, 2022 meeting as presented. (Couch/Love)

Megan Loftis, of the City of Lawton Legal Department, gave a presentation about open meeting laws. Megan gave information about the various rules surrounding notices, agendas, and meetings.

One customer comment was presented to the Board. A customer left a negative Google review stating that the Library is too loud.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin informed the Board that the budget year is around half way over. Kristin notified the Board that utility prices had gone up. Kristin also announced that the Library would soon be receiving its State Aid money.

The Library Director's Report was given. Kristin informed the Board that the Library had been very busy since the last Board meeting with various holiday crafts and events. Kristin reported about a Library customer's 3D printed Ghostbuster backpack created using Library resources. Kristin informed the Board about the new ramp that had been poured on the north side of the Library. Kristin apprised the Board about her plans to replace carpeting in the Library.

The Friends of the Library Report was given. Jenny stated that the recent program on insurance went well. Jenny also reminded everyone that there was a Friends meeting at the end of the month. Kristin notified the Board that the Friends should be receiving a large technology grant soon.

There was nothing to report for SWOGS/Family History.

There was nothing to report for City Council.

Unfinished Business:

- Kristin stated that the ceiling study would be brought before City Council soon.

New Business:

- Kristin informed the Board of the Library's local history initiatives. Specifically, Kristin spoke about the possibility to digitize books about local history in order to make them more available.
- A new strategic plan was presented to the Board.
 - The Board voted unanimously to approve the new plan. (Couch/Viruet)
- The last six months of incident reported was presented to the Board.
- Kristin informed the Board about the upcoming How-To Fest at the Farmers' Market on February 5th.

There were no comments from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm. /Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III