

Lawton Public Library Board

Wednesday January 8, 2025

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:010 pm by Patricia Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patricia Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantzie Couch, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member; Michael Wilson, Member (Absent); Kristin Herr, Library Director; Tina King, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Sherene L. Williams, City Council Liaison; Julie Keosourinha, Guest

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for November 6, 2024 as presented. (Couch/Kremmer)

Clifford Takawana, the new Family and Local History Librarian, and Dana Zimmerman, the new Customer Service Manager, were introduced to the Library Board.

There were no customer comments or correspondence.

Reports:

- The Financial Report was given. Kristin reported that the fiscal year is halfway over and that slightly over half the budget has been expended, but that the State Aid money has not been received yet.
- The Director's Report was given. Kristin stated that this phase of the parking lot was nearly complete, but that only half of the full parking lot is being replaced as of now. Kristin also informed the Board that attendance at recent events has increased.
- The Friends of the Library Report was given. Fermin stated that the next Friends meeting is to take place on January 27th with Brenda Spencer Ragland as the speaker.
- The Family and Local History Report was given. Cliff notified the Board that the Library is now a FamilySearch affiliate. He also stated that the Family and Local History collection is in the process of being converted from the Library of Congress classification system to the Dewey Decimal System. Cliff informed the Board that the Digital Memory Center was being expanded with more technology and that he was planning to expand outreach for his department.
- The City Council Report was given. Sherene notified the Board that there is to be a special City Council meeting to swear in the new members on January 13th at 9:00 am. She also reported that the next regular City Council meetings are to take place on January 14th and 24th. Sherene informed the Board of several upcoming events including the NAACP Jubilee service on January 12th, a Martin Luther King Jr. service on January 19th and a Martin Luther King Jr. banquet on January 20th.

- The Grant Report was given. A list of the current state of Library grants was presented to the Board. Kristin reported that the Library had applied for another Heritage grant and had been awarded a Public Library Association technology grant.

Business:

- Kristin reported that the Library Ceiling Project was moving forward with a meeting set up with the architecture firm in the near future and a contract up for approval with City Council.
- An updated Technology Plan was presented to the Board for approval. Frantzie had some corrections and therefore the Plan will be brought back before the Board in February.

There were no comments from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm./ Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III