Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday May 3, 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 om by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantize Couch, Member; Ellouise Love, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member; Jenny Breeden, Friends Representative; Kristin Herr, Library Director; Kathy Hines, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Randy Warren, City Council Liaison (Absent), Daniel Phelps, Library Technology Specialist

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the April 5, 2023 as presented. (Couch/Kremmer)

Daniel gave a presentation about his work on creating a 3D printed tactile map of the Library for the visually impaired. Daniel stated that he received a lot of help from the City ITS and GIS department. He stated that there are plans to continuing making these maps for other City buildings.

No customer comments were presented to the Board.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin noted that it is nearing the end of the fiscal year and that all encumbrances must be made by May 31st. Kristin pointed out that several transfers had been within the budget.

The Library Director's Report was given. Kristin informed the Board about the recent National Library Week events including author photo recreations from the staff. Some Google reviews praising the Library were presented. Kristin detailed the success of the Tiny Art Show at the Library. A handout about censorship was distributed to the Board.

The Friends of the Library Report was given. Frantzie informed everyone that Chautauqua is the third week in June and will take place at the Albert Johnson Sr. Conference Center at the Douglass Learning Center.

There was nothing to report for SWOG/Family History.

There was nothing to report for City Council.

Unfinished Business:

- Kristin stated that the ceiling study has a project number, but has no go ahead or money.
- There was an update on several grants.
    - Kathy reported that the Online High School grant now had five more seats available.

    - Kristin announced that the Library had received another $3,000.00 for digitization.
    - Sponsorship posters for the Talking Trail project were distributed to the Board.
    - Kristin stated that the NNLM health outreach grant would be used to purchase a charlie cart and more OHAI classes.
- A summary of expenditures for the new budget were handed out to the Board.

New Business:

- Pages of information from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries describing the state's libraries work concerning technology and adult education were shared with the Board.

Comments from the Floor:

- Patty shared various upcoming Philharmonic events with the Board.
- Kristin informed the Board about an effort to install Naloxone vending machines in libraries.

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