Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday June 7, 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 4:02 pm by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantzie Couch, Member; Ellouise Love, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member; Jenny Breeden, Friends Representative (Absent), Kristin Herr, Library Director; Kathy Hines, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Randy Warren, City Council Liaison; Deborah Sierra, guest; Ann Dryz, guest (arrived at 4:57 pm)

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the May 3, 2023 as presented. (Couch/Kremmer)

No customer comments were presented to the Board.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin reported that the fiscal year is winding down and no more requisitions can be created. Kristin explained the budget to the Board. She explained the negative balance in one account as an error that the Financial Department is aware of. She stated that the Library is waiting on reimbursement for one grant and is looking to spend out the remainder of another grant.

The Library Director's Report was given. Statistics for the tax preparation program were presented to the Board. Kristin spoke about some recent staff personal achievements. Kristin reported that there had been three staff resignations in the past month which lead to some staff shortages. Kristin stated that that staff had received Narcan training and have some on hand in the Library.

The Friends of the Library Report was given. Frantzie reminded everyone that Chautauqua is beginning soon and will take place at the Albert Johnson Sr. Conference Center.

There was nothing to report for SWOGS/Family History.

City Council Report:

- Randy announced that the City budget was nearly finished and that general staff would likely be receiving an increase in pay.
- Randy stated that City Council is working on a possibly CIP extension,
- Randy reported that there are a lot of positive things going on in Lawton.

Unfinished Business:

- Kristin gave updates on several grants.

    - Kristin stated that the Library has received a digitization grant for $3,000 and an NNLM grant for $25,000.
    - Kathy announced that a student in the Online High School program had graduated and was having a party to celebrate.
    - Kristin reported that the Talking Trails grant was going strong with several new locations being chosen and scripts being edited.
    - Kristin declared that the Library had received a rather generous technology grant from an undisclosed source.
- Kristin spoke briefly about the Library's budget request and stated that the public hearing should be soon.

New Business:

- An updated version of the Reconsideration of Library Materials Policy was presented to the Board.
    - The Board voted to table the policy until it had been reviewed by the City Legal Department. (Couch/Kremmer)

Comments from the Floor:

- Schedules for the upcoming Chautauqua events were handed out.

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