

Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday June 26, 2024

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 was posted in accordance with Oklahoma law.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair (Absent); Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantzie Couch, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member; Michael Wilson, Member (Arrived at 4:03 pm); Kristin Herr, Library Director; Tina King, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Sherene L. Williams, City Council Liaison (Left at 4:45 pm); Nicholas LeGro, Librarian I; Chris Wiser, guest (Left at 4:10 pm)

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the May 1, 2024 meeting as presented. (Couch/Williams)

There were no customer comments.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin explained that the numbers presented approximated the final numbers for the fiscal year.

Nicholas LeGro, the Library's new Librarian I, was introduced to the Board.

The Director's Report was given. Kristin described the Summer Reading Program theme, the various decorations within the Library, and the ongoing events. Kristin also informed the Board about plans to build classrooms and a board room in the back of the building using grant money. Kristin updated the Board on the status of Daniel Phelps, Library Technology Specialist.

The Friends of the Library Report was given. Frantzie reported that Chautauqua finished last week and was a success. Frantzie also informed the Board that the next Friends of the Library meeting will take place on July 22nd. Kristin informed the Board that Jenny Breeden, President of the Friends of the Library, would be stepping down and Fermin, Vice President of the Friends of the Library would be finishing her term.

The Family History/SWOGS Report was given. Kristin reported that the process of digitizing more Lawton Constitution and Lawton Daily Press newspapers had begun.

City Council Report:

- Sherene informed the Board that the Freedom Festival was taking place this Friday and Saturday with a drone show, music, and food.
- Sherene also stated that there was community improvement project occurring soon for Ward 7 that is looking for volunteers.
- Sherene reported that Council Meetings would be moving to 6:00 pm starting in August.
- Sherene informed everyone about the upcoming elections.

Unfinished Business:

- Kristin informed the Board that the Library did not receive the Fidelity Communications grant, but did receive a grant from Dollar General.
- Kristin reported that there had not been many HVAC issues other than a recurring issue with the perimeter heating being on during the summer months.
- The FY25 Library budget was presented to the Board.
- Kristin stated that the Ceiling Project was on hold until the vote for PROPEL2040.

New Business:

- Sherene stated that PROPEL2040 had 16 projects within it and the vote would take place on August 27th.
- There was a discussion of emergency preparedness in the Library and what steps could be taken to improve.
- The COL Staff Survey was presented to the Board.

There were no comments from the floor.

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