

Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday September 4, 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 4:04 pm by Patricia Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty 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

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for August 7, 2024 meeting as presented. (Couch/Kremmer)

There were no customer comments or correspondences.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin stated that the grant account was missing some money due to an accounting error, but was being corrected.

The Director's Report was given. Kristin informed the Board that the Library has been very busy with changes as of late. She reported that there were several new events occurring, new shelving arriving, and lots of moving furniture around.

The Friends of the Library Report as given. Kristin announced that the funding for the Lawton Adult Literacy Center (LALC) has been cut. Kristin announced that there would be a popcorn and pickle fundraisers for the Friends.

The Family History/SWOGS Report was given. Kristin reported that Roberta Hooper, a former SWOGS president, had passed. Kristin also reported that Amber Follett, Head of Local and Family History had been out sick.

City Council Report:

- Sherene discussed some of the information she gleaned from a recent meeting about those experiencing homelessness.
- Sherene reminded the Board of the upcoming dates and times for Council Meetings, September 10, 2024 and September 24, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
- Sherene stated that the International Festival was coming up soon.

Unfinished Business:

- Kristin reported on the status of the various Library grants.

- She informed the Board about the financial fitness board games that would be used in classes.
- She also reported that the Priddy grant was being used to building classrooms in the back of the Library, put in a new sign for the Branch Library, put in new windows at the Branch Library, and install 24/7 book lockers at the Branch Library.
- Kristin stated that the CIP had passed with the Library Ceiling project as part of it, but is not certain when they can begin work on the project.
- Kristin reported that she has been looking into more emergency preparedness for the Library such as a panic button for the Branch Library and tornado shelters.

New Business:

- Kristin informed the Board that the Library has employed a teacher to teach STEM classes at the Library with a stipend from the Friends.
- Kristin informed the Board that the Library has employed a digital navigator to teach one-on-one computer classes with a stipend from the Friends.
- Kristin stated that the budgeted amount to have the Library parking lot redone was not enough and that only half the parking lot would be redone.

Comments from the Floor:

- Reminders for several events were stated.
 - The Grow with Google ribbon cutting is to take place on September 27.
 - The next Library Board meeting is to take place on October 2nd with a Friends Executive meeting taking place after with a celebration for the recent online high school graduates.
 - The final performance for the 77th Army Band is to take place on September 20.
 - The U.S. Army Band and Chorus will be performing on October 28.
 - Sherene will be helping to host a BBQ for the Center for Creative Living on September 26.
 - There is a ribbon cutting for the new Workforce location on September 6.
 - There is a job fair on September 26.
 - Community Clean Up Day will take place on November 9.