

Lawton Public Library Board Meeting
Wednesday September 7, 2022

The Lawton Public Library Board met at 4:00 pm in Meeting Room 2 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 4:01 pm by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantzie Couch, Member; Ellouise Love, Member (Absent); 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; Dwayne Burk, Deputy City Manager (Absent)

Kathy Hines was introduced to the Board as the new Deputy Library Director.

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the August 3, 2022 meeting as presented. (Couch/Kremmer)

No customer comments or correspondence were presented to the Board.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin reminded the Board that it is still early in the fiscal year and therefore there was nothing too exciting to see in the budget. Kristin informed Board that she is still unaware of how much money the County will be giving to the Library.

The Library Director's Report was given. Kristin reported that there are some personnel changes occurring with one staff member leaving and the Library also receiving a new volunteer. Kristin stated that the sidewalks and their tripping hazards were fixed recently. She also mentioned that the Branch's book drop will be fixed soon as well. Kristin pointed out the several changes in the Library, including the new window wrap on the book drop, the repaired water fountain, the new check out stations and desks, and the newly waxed floors.

The Friends Report was given. Jenny stated that they are beginning to plan for the next Friends meeting. Jenny also reported that she is still looking for a Vice President for the Friends.

The SWOGS/Family History Report was given. Kristin noted the recent interest in local history in Lawton and explained the plan to create Talking Trails with an upcoming grant. Kristin also mentioned that the Library is working to digitize several books about Lawton and its history.

City Council Agenda Items:

- Randy noted that the sidewalks on Gore are nearly complete. He stated that the next sidewalk project will take place on 53rd street.
- Randy reported that the new company working with youth sports in town is working hard.

Unfinished Business:

- Kristin stated that the most recent draft from the architecture company is missing some key information and she is waiting to hear back from them.
- Kristin presented the changes to Code 2-3-5 and stated that this updated code would be going to Council on Tuesday September 13th.

New Business:

- Kristin explained the upcoming Heritage grant opportunity to create Talking Trails in Lawton and asked for the Boards approval to submit the application.
 - The Board voted to approve the submission unanimously. (Couch/Kremmer)
- The Library At-A- Glance was presented to the Board with Kristin noting that circulation numbers have increased since the previous year.
- Kristin stated that she would be out of town during the October Board meeting.
 - The Board decided to move the next meeting to October 12th.

Comments from the Floor:

- Kristin listed some of the upcoming events including a Book Festival, a Kids' book event in November and a Fun Run.
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The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm. Megan Stockton/Administrative Assistant III