

Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday October 2, 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 Patricia Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair (Absent); 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; Julie Keosourinha and 7 children, guests

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for September 4, 2024 with an alteration to the roll call. (Couch/Viruet)

There were no customer comments or correspondence.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin reported that the Library would soon receive book funding from the County. Kristin also noted that there had been several transfers due to grants.

The Director's Report was given. Kristin reported that the classrooms and boardroom were nearly complete in the back of the building. Kristin informed that Board that she is looking to place a wall in the Family and Local History area. Kristin notified the Board that there had been a Grow with Google event at the Library with several local government officials.

The Friends of the Library Report was given. Fermin stated that the next Friends meeting would take place on October 28th with Derek Blazek as the speaker on cyber security.

The Family History/SWOGS report was given. Kristin reported that the Family and Local History librarian is out on medical leave. Kristin stated that the Oklahoma Southwest Historical Society was interested in modernizing *Prairie Lore*.

City Council Report:

- Sherene stated that the next Council meeting is to take place on October 22nd.
- Sherene informed that Board that she went to the groundbreaking for the new Marie Detty building.
- Sherene explained the event she helped host for the Center for Creative Living.
 - Seniors can eat free at the Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but starting October 14th, they can eat free every day.

Unfinished Business:

- Kristin gave an update on several grants.

- Kristin stated that the Library applied for a Public Library Association technology grant.
- Kristin reported that the Library received another Health Literacy grant.
- Kristin informed the Board that the Friends has received another Citizenship grant.
- Kristin stated that the Library had held its first Thinking Money class.
- Kristin reported that she is trying to get the ball rolling for the ceiling project and had spoken with the City Manager.
- There were no new updates on emergency preparedness.
- Kristin informed the Board that the Branch Library had received a few updates.
 - The Branch Library has a new sign.
 - Kristin is looking to get the mural touched up.
 - Kristin reported that the windows at the Branch Library were going to be replaced and that the 24/7 book locker would soon be installed.

New Business:

- Kristin stated that the Library was looking to apply for a Oklahoma Historical Society grant and needed the Board's approval.
 - The Board voted unanimously to approve the application. (Viruet/Couch)

Comments from the Floor:

- Kristin informed the Board about the upcoming Community Clean Out Day.
- Patty reminded the Board about the upcoming city-wide garage sale.
- Kristin compliments Michael on the recent expungement class and informed the Board that a total of 39 people attended or watched.
- Kristin stated that a small party would take place after meeting to celebrate the recent online high school graduates.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm./ Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III