

## Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday February 2, 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 4:00 pm by Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair.

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

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the January 4, 2023 meeting as presented. (Couch/ Love)

Kathy gave a presentation to the Board about the Library's involvement in an adult online high school diploma program. She stated that the Library has ten seats available to fill for adults over 24 years of age who have completed at least the tenth grade and do not have criminal records. She informed the Board that this is all funded through a grant.

No customer comments were presented to the Board.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin informed that Board that there was nothing new or exciting in the financials. Both City financials and grant financials were presented in the Board packet.

The Library Director's Report was given. Several Library updates were described in the written report presented to the Board.

The Friends of the Library Report was given. Jenny reported that the recent Friends meeting was successful. Jenny also stated that the new Friends Vice President is Fermin Viruet.

There was nothing to report for SWOGS/Family History.

There was nothing to report for City Council.

Unfinished Business:

- Kristin informed the Board that the ceiling study would be presented to City Council on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

New Business:

- Kristin presented the six-month statistics to the Board.
  - She pointed out that the Library's circulation statistics had increased by 26% from last year.

- She also stated that she was happy to see the usage numbers for the Brainfuse database rise.
- Kristin presented an open letter to LATS so that the Board could be aware of her correspondence about the current impact the bus system and its impact on the Library.
- Kristin informed the Board about the recent vagrancy problems at the Library and what can be done to remedy the situation.
- Kristin reveal the Library's latest pamphlet, the Notable Local Black Educators brochure.
  - Kristin thanked Ellouise for her help with the creation of this brochure.

Comments from the Floor:

- Kathy showed the Board the latest library card design.
- Everyone was reminded about the upcoming How-To Festival and Soulful Story performance.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm. /Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III