

Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday May 1, 2024

The Lawton Public Library Board met at 4:00 pm in the Local and Family History Room at the Lawton Public Library. Notice of the change of location, due to an emergency closure, within the Library was announced and signs were positioned to inform of the location change.

Notice of the meeting and agenda was posted in accordance with Oklahoma law.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair (Arrived at 4:08 pm); Frantzie Couch, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member; Michael Wilson, Member (Absent); Jenny Breeden; Friends Representative (Absent); Kristin Herr, Library Director; Tina King, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Sherene L. Williams, City Council Liaison; Tanya Organ, Community Engagement Librarian

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the April 3, 2024 meeting with the addition of the name of the author of the minutes. (Couch/Viruet)

Customer Comments were presented to the Board. These included a positive Google review as well as requests for more puzzles and reading spaces.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin stated that the end of the fiscal year is nearing, but that there is still some money to spend. She also explained that one of the grant accounts has a negative balance due to the previous year's audit not allowing for the closing of the previous year's money yet.

Tanya spoke to the Board about the family friendly activity money that was provided to the Library and the various purchases made with said money. These purchases included several performances for local events, interactive games, and technology for outreach events.

The Director's Report was given. Kristin gave a brief rundown of April's event including the book sale, the end of the tax season, and the solar eclipse. Kristin also announced that a former librarian had passed away.

The Friends of the Library Report was given. Frantzie stated that the recent Friends meeting had been a success with Onreka Johnson speaking about her group The Next Step. Frantzie also announced that the location for the Chautauqua had been chosen.

The Family History/SWOGS report was given. Talking Trails brochures were handed out to Board members and there was a discussion about the project.

City Council Report:

- Sherene informed the Board that there would two Juneteenth celebrations this year.
 - One will take place on June 8th and the other will take place June 14th, 15th and 16th.

- Sherene also stated that there were several budget meetings coming up soon as well as a CIP meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- A paper with all the grant statuses was presented to the Board.
- Kristin stated that there had been no recent HVAC issues, but that the City contract was coming up for renewal.
- Kristin reported that she has not been asked to make any changes to the proposed FY25 Library budget.
- Kristin said that she is still looking for ways to get the ceiling project moved forward.

New Business:

- The Board discussed moving the next meeting due to various scheduling conflicts.
- Kristin announced that a literacy symposium would be occurring at the Library on Friday May 3, 2024.

Comments from the Floor:

- Sherene informed the Board of some other Juneteenth event dates.