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Library Board Meeting

October 13, 2010

The Lawton Public Library Board met at 4:00 p.m. at the Lawton Public Library. Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted in accordance with Oklahoma Law.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Burpo, Carol Sinnreich, Sally Cote,
Pamela Scoggins Bonnell-Mihalis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lynn McIntosh

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Neuwirth, Friends of the Library;
Marge Williams, SWOGS;
David Snider, Library Director; Sharon
Thompson, Recording Secretary

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim called the meeting to order and asked for approval or corrections to the September 8, 2010 minutes. Minutes were approved as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Sharon said that they received a thank you letter from the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization thanking the Lawton Public Library of helping make Clean Air Lawton's Ozone Awareness Campaign a success. We supported the campaign with flyers and kept information available to the public. Carol accepted a certificate on behalf of the Library at the September 28, 2010 council meeting.

Sharon also mentioned that a sympathy card was sent to Larry & Jane Mitchell due to the loss of Jane's mother. Also, a sympathy card was sent to Pamela due to the loss of her mother.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Computers from Great Plains Technology Center - David reported that Jim Maroon, Afzal Muhammad, and he met with Carl Wicks and Jim Bishop this morning. Great Plains Technology Center is going to loan us 40 computers, CPU's, and will install, maintain, and provide networking for them. We will need to provide the filtering, timers, security, and link them to our printer. David will have to take this to the City Council for the October 26 meeting. Approximately 23 computers will be located at the Internet Lab and others will be distributed in Children's, staff, and a few to replace the on-line catalog computers. Marge asked if one could be added to Genealogy. David said that we could add one and he would talk to Jim about doing so. David was

informed that these computers should be up and running before Thanksgiving. Carol mentioned that we need to send publicity to the newspaper and a thank you letter to GPTC. The Board agreed. David also mentioned that Lawton received a technology award for the E911 center because of Lawton's outstanding emergency center.

Incidents at Library –

1. David said that a patron named Deborah Honeywell-Shott, came into the library and complained to him about several issues. She complained about another patron taking her information off of a computer in the Internet lab and also accused the Branch Library employees of taking her money. After David asked her repeatedly to explain the situations he made a copy of her driver's license and told her that he was finished talking to her. The same day in the afternoon, David received a letter from her with more accusations. The letter was passed out to the Library Board. David met with the Assistant City Manager and Police Chief about the letter and they remembered other incidences that had occurred with Ms.Shott from previous years. The Police Chief has a copy of the letter and will pursue any action if needed.

2. It was reported to David that a patron fell in the parking lot and another patron who saw the incident called 911. The library staff was informed of the situation by the uninjured patron. David asked the library staff who were informed of the situation to write an incident report so we could have the report on file. David reminded staff in a recent staff meeting how important it is to have incident reports on file.

Chevron Contract - David has no updates from Chevron as to the enclosure of the Server Room that was suggested by Chevron a month ago. Hopefully he will have more information at the next Board meeting.

Statistics – David handed out the monthly statistics for September. He noted that the meeting room usage was increased.

Jim asked how many hours the patrons can use the computers at one time. David said now it is 1 ½ hours, but with the new computers coming from GPTC we hope the time can be longer for patrons.

Current Events - Let's Talk About It Oklahoma will start on October 19 at the Worley Center at 6:30 p.m. The series is on Vietnam and we have a large display with Vietnam memorabilia.

Golden Girls & Guys will be October 21 with William Worley portraying Bob Hope.

The first Soulful Stories planning committee met last Wednesday and this program is scheduled for February 10, 2011. The program is on African American History and the committee has suggested Wallace Moore who will portray Henry Flipper. The Oklahoma Humanities Council & Friends of the Library will fund the event. Patty asked for a request from David to be given to her before the Friends meeting October 18.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

SWOGS: Marge reported that SWOGS will pay for Heritage Quest and Ancestry.com. She said it would help tremendously to have one more computer for the public to use. The next SWOGS meeting will be October 18 at the new City Hall.

Friends of the Library: Patty thanked everyone that volunteered at the International Festival. She said there were 43,000 people that attended as per the Arts and Humanities Director. The Friends made approximately \$13,000 selling drinks. The next Friends meeting will be Monday, October 18 at 12 noon.

Sally reported that they have sorted 344 boxes of books for the book sale.

Meeting Adjourned.