

Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday October 4, 2023

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 4:00 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; Onreka Johnson, City Council Liaison (Absent); Tanya Organ, Community Engagement Librarian

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the September 6, 2023 meeting as presented. (Viruet/Couch)

Tanya gave a brief overview of upcoming events happening at the Library. Some of these events include: The Books & Brew author fest, the upcoming solar eclipse event, Steam Camp, and the various Halloween events later in the month.

One piece of correspondence was presented to the Board. Ellouise sent in a letter of resignation from the Board.

The Financial Report was given. The fiscal numbers were disseminated on paper and Kristin stated that there was nothing unusual about the current state of the budget.

The Library Director's Report was given. A written report was distributed to board detailing the various changes to Library including new flooring, staff updates, and parking lot repairs.

The Friends of the Library Report was given. Frantzie informed the Board that the next Friends quarterly meeting would take place on Monday October 23rd with Gary Brooks, the City of Lawton Housing and Community Development Administrator, as the speaker.

There was nothing to report for SWOGS/Family History.

There was nothing to report for City Council.

Unfinished Business:

- A written report detailing the status of the various Library grants was presented to the Board.
- Kristin mentioned that the several HVAC issues plaguing the Library are still ongoing.

New Business:

- Kristin explained that the Library is looking to apply for another OHS Preservation Grant and wanted the Board's approval to apply for the grant.

- The grant would be used to pay for more digitization of newspapers.
- The Board approved unanimously. (Couch/Kremmer)

There were no comments from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm./Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III