

MINUTES

Finney County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting February 26th, 2024 5:00 PM

Members Present: Paula Kimbrel, Dave Jones, Marsha Wright, Marsha Rupp, Jay Cook, Matias Gonzalez-Flores – via Zoom

Members Absent:

Others Present: Pam Tuller—Library Director, Calli Villanueva—Assistant Director, Karissa Rojas—Recorder, Sue Considine – via Zoom

Minutes: The January minutes were presented for approval. Paula asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Marsha noted “wonder” should be “wonderful” under the Friends of the Library Report. **Marsha Wright made a motion to accept the January minutes with corrections. Marsha Rupp seconded the motion. The motion carried. The January minutes were approved for filing.**

Financial Reports Jan: Paula asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the January financial reports. Paula asked about a “split” payment on the operating account. Pam explained it is for Operating and Materials billing to LS&S. Marsha Rupp asked what LS&S covers. Dave Jones explained it is the monthly budget for the library. **Dave Jones made a motion to accept the January financial reports. Marsha Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried. The January financials were approved for filing.**

Statistics Reports Jan: Paula asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the January statistics report. Paula noted a lot of statistics were lower than last year. Pam explained the library was closed some days due to weather and programming was on a break. Marsha Wright noted reference transactions were up. Pam explained that what qualifies as a reference question on the state report was defined this year with examples that had not previously been counted. **Paula Kimbrel made a motion to accept the January statistic reports. Marsha Wright seconded the motion. Statistics for January were approved by consensus.**

Friends of the Library: Lydia Smith said Friends of the Library has been working with books the library has withdrawn, including Spanish and Vietnamese. They have refurbished books and taken them to Catholic Charities, Goodwill, and Salvation Army. They have kept some books for children’s boxes. Friends of the Library is also going to get the flower beds’ soil tested and they have had a request to buy sweet potato plants.

Board of Trustees Report:

Paula Kimbrel – said Pam did great at the county commission meeting and their request was approved. She said she and Pam will be watching videos about heading a board and how to handle book ban requests

Marsha Wright – said she was interested in a summary of the videos

Marsha Rupp – Applauded a good job at the commission meeting

Matias Gonzalez-Flores – said good job and congratulations on the commission meeting and getting the request approved

Jay Cook – informed the board that Staples helps print books and book covers

Dave Jones – said money to fix the pipes went through quickly. He explained that janitorial services in 17 different county buildings are all different.

Director's Report - There is so much going on; from Pokemon to Dr. Seuss, and grants galore to mini remodels; the Finney County Public Library has it ALL. While Library Staff is busy making plans for all of the upcoming events, Pokemon Day, Feb 27 / Dr. Seuss's Birthday, March 2nd / School Visits / Earth Day @ Lee Richardson Zoo, April 19 / Summer Reading / Summer Lunch, we are also planning new displays and more ways for our patrons to interact with our collection. We are also scheduling a visit from LS&S Collection Development Team this fall, to include a catalog clean-up and big weeding project.

Current Projects in the works:

- WKCF Grant for Story Walk – Granted - \$5,000 - Working with Barking Dogs Displays and the City of Garden City
- Meeting Room repairs/updates – RJ's Plumbing will be here March 4th to replace the pipe. The replacement of the floor will be scheduled after the pipe is fixed
- Pro-AM Grant - Submitted - \$15,000 – Tween/Teen Area remodel
 - If granted, we will need volunteers for the Pro-AM
- Dollar General Grant - Submitted - \$3,000 – Summer Reading Program
- Free Comic Book Day Grant - Granted - 100 Free Comic Books
- Catalog Clean-Up – LS&S Collection Development Team

Partnerships Report

- First Christian Church – Navajo Taco Dinner – Profit Recipient
 - FCPL Volunteers Requested – Saturday, March 9th – 10AM – 7PM
- Express Employment – On Site Interviews for open positions in Garden City
- USD 457 / Communities in School – Future Finance Now – March 8th & 9th
- USD 457 Nutrition – Summer Lunch Programs
- Garden City Arts – T. Wasinger – Monotype, Acrylic, Mixed Media, Photo Manipulation
- Genesis – Navigating Your Needs
- Real Men Real Leaders Tours / Volunteering Opportunities
- Community Service Council Meetings
- Kansas Workforce One Interns
- SER National (Senior Employment Rehabilitation) Interns

Programming Report (Calli Villanueva)

Correspondence: Bank Letter, EMC Insurance Letter

Old Business:

- Meeting Room Update – they start Monday

New Business:

- Signature Cards – Paula and Jay can turn in 2 forms of ID to bank.

Out of Contract Expenses: Marsha Wright made a motion to approve the Out of Contract expenses. Marsha Rupp seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Out of Contract Expenses were approved.

- \$5630.68 – Story walk supplies

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled March 25th, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Cook