

Western District Library Board Minutes February 26, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jan Gustafson. Those present were Kathi Parrish, Rod Ward, Beth Hoffman, Julie Abbott, and Director Michelle Bailey. Absent were Jeanine McGaughy and Sue Roult.

Public Comments

No public comments.

November Minutes

Meeting minutes from November 27, 2023 were reviewed. Rod moved to approve as presented, Julie seconded. Voted, approved.

Communications

Michelle shared thank you note from Jan Meier for holiday party and poinsettia from board.

Treasurer's Report

Rod shared the November, December, and January treasurer's reports. Check for \$10,000 from Coulter grant was received, but not deposited before end of January. Kathi moved to approve November report as presented, Julie seconded. Voice vote, approved 5-0, 2 absent. Julie moved to approve December report, Kathi seconded. Voice vote, approved 5-0, 2 absent. Julie moved to approve January report, Kathi seconded. Voice vote, approved 5-0, 2 absent.

Director's Report

Michelle shared the director's report for November, December, and January, including the following:

- Brooke hosted numerous children's activities, with the "Among Us" events (every other Friday) being extremely popular for upper elementary, middle school students.
- Winter break reading program drew 33 children.
- Several adult events have been held, including a gnome making group, jewelry making, music by Front Porch Pickers, and Orion High School robotics team presentation.
- January was a difficult month, with library closed for weather 7 days.

Committee Reports

No committee reports

Old Business

New Business

- A. Per Capita Grant has been submitted.
- B. Board discussed The Freedom to Read Statement and Library Bill of Rights, two ALA policies. Rod moved to endorse, Beth seconded. Voted, approved.

Closed Session

No closed session

Other Business/Future Agenda Considerations

Jan asked about update on internet alternatives to Mediacom. Michelle has been looking at possibilities.

Michelle noted that the top shelf of new shelving in children's area is too high for kids to leaf through books displayed there. She will see if those can be removed (and possibly be repurposed elsewhere in the library).

Michelle reported that she has \$2,000 initial deposit to start Hoopla for library patrons. Hoopla is a digital service, similar to Libby, but we pay for each digital checkout, with advantage that there are many more copies available than with other services we use. Michelle is considering limiting patrons to a set number of checkouts per months (maybe 10) the first year, then see how it's being used.

Jan raised issue that sunlight causes problems for staff at certain times of day, so some sort of sun protection should be considered. Michelle will look into this.

Rod moved to adjourn, Julie seconded. Voted, approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathi Parrish, Secretary