

Guthrie Public Library

Board Minutes

January 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm

Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Present were: Kate Corbett, Jamie Newton, Gary Dickerson, Asst. Library Director Candy Ford. and Children/Youth Librarian Kris Kutay. Lois Ray was excused. Quorum was established.

Old Business

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the October 17, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Jamie and second from Gary.

Library as a System/Recap Friends Meeting/Status

Several Board members met with representatives of the Friends of the Guthrie Library at the Friends regular meeting on November 9, 2019. After a brief presentation by Kate and a lively discussion, the Friends agreed to work with the Library Board to move the proposal forward. A meeting with the City Council had been on hold due to City Council business. When a meeting date is set, the Library Board and Friends of the Library will meet with the City Council to seek approval to continue the exploration.

Bylaws

The first draft of the proposed Bylaws for the Library Board was distributed to all Board members in advance of the meeting. Jamie had made extensive notes for discussion and the Board members worked through the proposed Bylaws with an eye to making corrections and improvements. The discussion will continue at the April 16, 2020 meeting.

Logan County/Guthrie employees to receive GPL cards (with proof of employment)

This policy change has been approved and is currently in effect.

New Business

Board Members to attend Library Programs (Evaluate/Take Photos, etc.)

The Library Staff encourages Board members to attend Library programs, when their schedules allow, to assist staff, to take photos and complete evaluations if needed.

Kate asked that when Kris posts the list of monthly programs, that Board members be advised of help needed.

Board Members to Serve as Liaisons (Programming, Governance, etc.)

Board members are requested to consider assisting the Library staff by serving as liaisons to different service areas. Liaisons would be in close contact with staff and provide information back to the Board about Library needs and propose new services or processes. No action was taken on this proposal.

Term Expirations

The following Board members will have terms expiring May 1, 2020

- Angie Simonton eligible for a second 3 year term
- Gary Dickerson eligible for a second 3 year term
- Jamie Newton completed a partial term; eligible for first 3 year term

Board members must submit applications to apply.

NASA Backpacks

As part of the NASA programming grant, the Library received two backpacks which have books, a telescope and various activity cards inside. The question is how to create interest in the backpacks which may be borrowed. Kate suggested a program which would explain how to utilize the different pieces with a raffle/drawing of names to create a wait list. Jamie suggested a display case, and offered to try find a city business or businesses to donate the funds to purchase it. No decisions were made.

Interview with Justin Fortney for *Hit the Bricks* video series.

Board members will be notified when a taping date has been scheduled.

Public Comments—None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm

Submitted by Kate Corbett 2/6/20

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