Minutes

Guthrie Public Library

# Call To Order

Jamie Newton, President, calls quarterly Guthrie Public Library Board to order at 5:32 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2023.

# II. Roll call and Establish quorum

Attending:

Jamie Newton, President

Gracelynn Lorenz, Secretary

Kevin Kemper, Library Board Member

Candy Ford, Interim Library Director

Robert Easterling, Library Board Member

Absent:

Neicie Black, Library Board Member

Quorum is established.

# III. Minutes

Minutes of October, 2022 meeting were approved by Jamie Newton. Kevin Kemper seconds. Unanimous approval.

# IV. Status of Exploring a Library as a System/Update

On pause until a new director is found.

# V. Amendment of Board member terms

Three people will expire May 2023. City manager has spoken with Candy about a new plan. Two of the members will be reapplying and when they are nominated the timing will be taken care of. One member will serve one year term and the other a longer term to stagger terms.

# VI. Director of Library Services vacancy

Board was advised that interviews for the library director were held the previous week, and someone was offered the job. No current member of the board was present to advise about library director candidates. Candy Ford advised the board that Kate Corbett was chosen to be on the hiring committee. Kate Corbett is not a current member of the Guthrie Public Library board. She was not renewed at a city council meeting last year. The board did note that Kate was a librarian and a respected former member of the Guthrie Public Library Advisory Board. All members of the board expressed concern because one of the top tasks listed as a member of the Guthrie Library Board is serving on the hiring committee to help advise on the choice of library director of the Guthrie Public Library. The board wanted to know why the board was left out after the board expressed interest to be involved. Since the board is approved by the city council, all members of the board said the city council needed to know that the board is not being included in what they were approved to do.

Kevin approved and Gracelynn seconds that the Guthrie Public Library board have a special meeting to attend the next city council meeting at 6:30pm February 7, 2023 at City Hall. The intention of the meeting will be to advise the city council about the discrepancy in what the Guthrie Public Library’s Advisory Board is supposed to do versus what was done.

# VIII. Public Comments

Verla and Robert will be volunteering with friends of the library sale at the Presbyterian Hall. All funds go to support the library. The Friends of the Library saved the library from closing years ago. The book sale will open to members of Friends of the Library from 7-9 pm Friday, February 3, 2023. You can join Friends of the Library at the door. The sale will open to members of the public 8am-5pm Saturday, February 4. Methods of payment are card, check or cash.

Jamie’s daughter is a published author. She’s very proud.

# X!. Meeting adjourned 6:24pm