

MINUTES

Guthrie Public Library

I. Call To Order

Jamie Newton, President, calls quarterly Guthrie Public Library Board to order at 5:41 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2024.

II. Roll call and Establish quorum

Attending:

Jamie Newton, President

Gracelynn Lorenz, Secretary

Samantha Stewart, Library Board Member

Cameron Smith, Director of Guthrie Public Library

Absent:

Tami Hulseley, Library Board Member

Ashton Stubblefield, Library Board Member

Quorum is established.

III. Minutes

Minutes from the January 18, 2024 will be sent out for approval at a later date.

IV. Director's Report (Attached)

A. Updates

a. Guthrie Public Library

- i. Will be upgrading internet speed for same price. Accepted contract and project in motion.
- ii. OLA conference
 1. Interesting topics covered like self-censorship.
 2. Becca did a great job on summer reading program presentation.
 3. Director proud of staff representation at the conference.
- iii. Staff meeting on budget priorities.
 1. Director wants staff input.
 2. Will figure out priorities and submit before city meets about budget.

b. City

- i. 89ers day parade

1. Teen council, teen librarian and director will be in parade.
 - ii. Public library directors committee
 1. ODL was successful in lobbying against proposed legislation that were averse to public library interest.
 2. ODL/IMLS has database available to get information from annual report about Oklahoma libraries.
 - c. Friends of the library
 - i. The Friends of the Library are seeking new board members.
 1. No city limit requirement.
 2. Billy Sim's fundraiser is April 24 (this next Wednesday). 10% profits go to Friends of the Library which benefits Guthrie Public Library.
- B. Programming
- a. Seasonal
 - i. Barbie party was successful with kids young and old that participated.
 - ii. Easter egg hunt was fabulous. Kids were having the best time. Director enjoyed hiding the eggs in the library.
 - iii. Seed Exchange happened last month. Looking at different ways to increase participation.
 - b. Children and Tweens
 - i. Teen
 1. Internet safety program included lots of valuable information. Will be expanding that program.
 2. Movie programs and D&D teen programs are well attended.
 - ii. Adult programs
 1. Annual Crowns teas is very popular, very informative and fun to dress up for tea.
- C. Collection
- a. Circulations
 - i. Prior to 2020, library use was going through the roof. Covid happened in 2020. Current circulation numbers are closer to pre-Covid levels.
 - ii. GPL per capita circulation stats are above average in state.
 - b. Materials
 - i. Physical
 1. Collection numbers look like they are down due to new data collection techniques.
 - ii. Overdrive stats
 1. (virtual library)
 - c. Members
 - i. 80% from Guthrie; 20% other parts of logan county (no changes)
 - ii. Still working on purging inactive accounts.
 - iii. Number of accounts being added are almost matching the number of accounts being inactivated.
 - d. Social Media
 - i. Increase of Pinterest has helped double stats.

V. Old Business

- A. Exploring Library as a System updates.
 - a. Friends of the Library still have funds for the exploration.
 - b. Graduate student has been assigned to the project of exploring changing GPL to a library system.
 - i. Student is working on master's thesis. As soon as it's finished, they will start on the GPL exploration project.
 - ii. Director plans to hand off data to student by the end of April.

VI. New Business

- A. Question
 - a. Previous interpretation of library card policy.
 - i. Question: Currently, two pieces of ID and proof of residency are required in order to receive a library card. Is this necessary if one piece of identification has address on it?
 - 1. Director said do not have to change policy. This is only a reinterpretation from requiring two pieces of ID if driver's license or passport has address on it as well.
 - 2. This will help make access to services easier and more accessible. If one pieces of ID is ok, less likely to turn away anyone interested in a library card and services.
 - 3. Eligibility for a card remains that card holder must be a resident of Logan County or work in Logan County.
 - 4. Anyone who doesn't have a piece of ID that includes address would need to show further proof that they either work or are a resident of Logan County.
 - b. Budgets and priorities
 - i. Director asked board for thoughts on budget requests to make for city.
 - 1. Electronic budget increase.
 - 2. Physical materials budget increase.
 - 3. Staff raises.
 - 4. Programming budget increase.

VII. Public Comments

No public comments.

VIII. Meeting adjourned 6:15pm
