

Minutes

Guthrie Public Library Board

Call to Order

- Board President calls the quarterly Guthrie Library Board to order at 5:29 on Thursday, January 18th, 2024

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

- Board Members Attending:
 - Jamie Newton, President of Guthrie Library Board
 - Tami Hulsey, Board Member
 - Samantha Stewart, Board Member
 - Ashton Stubblefield, Board Member
- Absent
 - Gracelynn Lorenz, Secretary
- Others in Attendance
 - Cameron Smith- Director of the Guthrie Public Library
 - Tricia Wisehart, President of the Friends of the Guthrie Public Library

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- Correction of Jamie Newton's title
- Tami moves to accept the minutes with the correction, and Samantha seconds the motion

Director's Report

- Update on ALA Transforming Libraries Grant Dataset
 - A high percentage of respondents are in favor of expanding the library services.
 - Greater physical collection and more extensive programs noted by some respondents
 - Generally positive comments on the importance of the library and access to its services were also noted
 - ALA confirmed that the funds can still be spent
 - The board expressed the desire to contact OSU for a student to finish the grant
- State Aid for the Guthrie Public Library was confirmed by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries
- All staff members are authorized and funded to attend the Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference in Tulsa
 - Two staff members, Teen & Adult Librarian Becca Pesicka and Library Director Cameron Smith are presenting at the conference
 - The library will be closed during the conference
 - The board and Friends president Tricia expressed support for increasing the budget for conference attendance and training

- The Library received positive attention for its services to the community from city officials during the State of the City Luncheon
- The Oklahoma Department of Libraries is working with the Oklahoma Broadband Office to ensure that libraries are a key component of the state's efforts to increase broadband access.
 - The Guthrie Public Library currently meets the standard and library staff are working on a proposal to increase speeds.
- Friends of the Guthrie Library are hosting their annual book sale and are currently seeking new members
- Seasonal programs (Trunk or Treat, Santa Storytime, Food Contests, etc.) were a big hit
- Regularly scheduled programs such as Dungeons and Dragons, Lego Club, and the adult book club have steady or growing attendance.
- Staff have adapted well to new collection management duties
- The number of library cards has increased steadily
 - The library requires members to confirm contact information annually
- The library can track eBook and eAudio book usage over time.
 - The Guthrie Public Library participates in the Oklahoma Virtual Library Consortium
 - A portion of our funds are used alongside the contributions of other libraries to purchase electronic books for all participating libraries to share.
- Slight increases in social media engagement on all platforms

Old Business

- Exploring a Library System discussion covered in the director's report

New Business

- Guthrie Library Strategic Plan
 - Strategic Plan runs out in 2025.
 - The board will assist with crafting a strategic plan
 - May require extra meetings

Adjournment

- Samantha motions to adjourn at 6:39, Tami seconds the motion