
Library Board

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Regular Meeting

Item B1

Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2023

Staff Contact:

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND
GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
January 23, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Library Board of the Grand Island Public Library was conducted on Monday, January 23, 2023. Notice appeared in the *Grand Island Independent* on January 19, 2023. A quorum present, President Jaime Parr called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The following members were present: Sara White, Tanya Hansen, Anna Stehlik, Kari Hooker Leep, Barbara Beck and Beth Stecker. Celine Swan was also present.

Open Meetings Law Notice: Provided by President Jaime Parr.

Public Participation: Susan McDowall and Mike Jarman

Susan McDowall spoke later when the Police Substation was discussed and Mike Jarman asked that he be placed on next month's agenda with some concerns he has regarding other library issues. Jaime let him know the board will discuss if this can be handled administratively or if it will be added to the agenda and will let him know either way.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Kari Hooker-Leep, seconded by Tanya Hansen, carried unanimously to accept for filing the Minutes of the December 19, 2022 library board meeting.

REPORTS:

Approval of Financial Report: Motion by Tanya Hansen, seconded by Beth Stecker, carried unanimously to accept for filing the November 2022 Financials.

Approval of Bills Submitted: Motion by Beth Stecker, seconded by Kari Hooker-Leep, carried unanimously to accept for filing the December 20, 2022 and January 10, 2023 Bills Submitted.

Approval of Director's Report: Sara White made some suggestions regarding Breakfast with Santa and making sure presenters are wearing a microphone because when a program is going on and there are lots of people in there is hard to hear them. Celine said she will discuss these things with Laura. Motion by Tanya Hansen, seconded by Barbara Beck, carried unanimously to accept for filing the Director's Report.

Board Communications and Committee Reports: Tanya spoke on behalf of the Policy and Procedure Committee. The main topic was possibly striking the Specialized Adult Service Areas Policy. She asked the Board to think it over and they will vote on it next month. This committee will be meeting in February to discuss the following: Confidentiality Policy, Code of Conduct, changing the wording that is currently on the back of library cards, Unattended Children, and Bill of Rights

Call To Action For This Month's Meeting: Celine talked to the board about CE hours and she will be sending them a few links of some videos they can watch. The Board will let her know when they have watched each video so we can keep track of hours. Celine handed out an updated staff picture directory.

Police Substation: Susan McDowall spoke about a few concerns she has with the substation. The main thing she is concerned about are the windows. She does not like that the police can see out but no one can see in. She also is concerned that having this substation here will deter people away from the library. She does not agree that this will make people feel safe. After she spoke Celine talked about the positive things she has heard and Jaime Parr read two letters from other people that were against the substation. The board discussed all this at length and came up with some suggestions and ideas for the substation open house such as a Q & A, having a comment and suggestion box right out front, make some short videos on questions and do the interviews with different people.

Celine will also do a GITV interview. The board wants the public to feel safe and give them as much information as possible. The main purpose of the substation will be for the police to not only have a place to do their paperwork but to bring the community and police officers together in a positive way. Michael Jarman said he thought the Police Substation should be in the staff back room or in the back of the Library. He thought the Substation should be a Department of Health and Human Services office to help people.

Discussion of Circulation Policy: Tanya covered this in the Board Communications and Committee Reports section.

Approval of Library Annual Report 2022-23: This report was done correctly and looks very good however, when it was uploaded into the Board database, Beehive, it would not upload right due to the way Beehive is set up. Motion by Anna Stehlik, seconded by Kari Hooker-Leep carried unanimously to accept for filing the Library Annual Report 2022-23.

Next Meeting: Saturday February 18, 2023 at 12:30 pm

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Tanya Hansen, Secretary