
Library Board
Monday, June 19, 2023
Regular Meeting

Item B1

Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2023

Staff Contact:

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND
GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
May 15, 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, May 15, 2023. Notice appeared in the *Grand Island Independent* on May 11, 2023. A quorum present, President Jaime Parr called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The following members were present: Sara White, Anna Stehlik, Beth Stecker, and Barbara Beck. Celine Swan and Mitch Nickerson were also present.

Open Meetings Law Notice: Provided by President Jaime Parr.

Public Participation: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Beth Stecker, seconded by Anna Stehlik, carried unanimously to accept for filing the Minutes of the April 17, 2023 library board meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Jaime Parr, Sara White, Barbara Beck, Beth Stecker and Anna Stehlik. Absent: Tanya Hansen and Kari Hooker-Leep. Motion Adopted.

REPORTS:

Approval of Financial Report: Motion by Beth Stecker, seconded by Barbara Beck, carried unanimously to accept for filing the March 2023 Financials. Roll Call: Ayes: Jaime Parr, Sara White, Barbara Beck, Beth Stecker and Anna Stehlik. Absent: Tanya Hansen and Kari Hooker-Leep. Motion Adopted.

Approval of Bills Submitted: Motion by Anna Stehlik, seconded by Sara White, carried unanimously to accept for filing the April 25, 2023 and May 9, 2023 Bills Submitted. Roll Call: Ayes: Jaime Parr, Sara White, Barbara Beck, Beth Stecker and Anna Stehlik. Absent: Tanya Hansen and Kari Hooker-Leep. Motion Adopted.

Approval of Director's Report: Motion by Sara White, seconded by Anna Stehlik, carried unanimously to accept for filing the Director's Report. Roll Call: Ayes: Jaime Parr, Sara White, Barbara Beck, Beth Stecker and Anna Stehlik. Absent: Tanya Hansen and Kari Hooker-Leep. Motion Adopted.

Board Communications and Committee Report: Nothing at this time.

Call to Action for This Month's Meeting: Celine handed out Summer Reading Kickoff Brochure and a United for Libraries Virtual 2023 Trustees-Friends-Foundation handout with information on a free virtual event that the board can participate in and get credit hours for accreditation.

Police Substation: Jaime Parr mentioned that the group that attended the Adhoc Committee meetings wants intentional community relationships and would like the substation used more as a welcome and information center, and any decisions that are made need to meet the needs of the Library and the Community. Findings surfaced from a number of meetings identify the main community concerns are mental health, addiction and housing in Grand Island. This brought about the discussion of having a resource sheet listing the non-profits in Grand Island and have it available to hand out as needed. The Committee would also like a schedule of hours showing when the police and the specific non-profits will be on site at the library. It was discussed that the police will be in the library using the substation whenever they need to use it. Celine mentioned that the current substation might only be able to be utilized by the Police as City IT has things set up for them in there that need to remain confidential. Celine will get in touch with Steph Gosda from City IT and find out if we need to only have police in the substation. The board discussed that it might be better to set up a table (center) for local non-profits to use to serve the public because of the police equipment that is in that room. It was also discussed the City consider hiring a social worker to help make those connections with the public and that the library would consider

to have the social worker based at the Library. Celine and Jaime will talk to Chief Denney to see if they have a social worker with the Police Department that could fill this need. A film was placed on the windows in the current substation to create a one-way glass feature where the public is not able to see in and this is something they would like to see removed and have blinds put up instead. Celine and Jaime will discuss this with Chief Denney and get his input on this as well. Once non-profits participation and commitment is established, the library will work to showcase the schedule and add their engaged partner logos on the outside of the Connection Center wall as well.

This Committee asked for the name of the substation changed. They would like it to be called Community Connection Center. The board discussed and agreed on the name proposed by the Adhoc Committee with the addition of Grand Island at the front which would change the name to Grand Island Community Connection Center.

Motion by Anna Stehlik, seconded by Barbara Beck, carried unanimously to accept for filing that the substation be renamed Grand Island Community Connection Center. Roll Call: Ayes: Jaime Parr, Sara White, Barbara Beck, Beth Stecker and Anna Stehlik. Absent: Tanya Hansen and Kari Hooker-Leep. Motion Adopted.

Jaime wants to let the non-profits know what is available to them with brochures, etc and invite them to do some trainings in the meeting rooms and the library will share their gathering and meet up opportunities on social media as well. It was suggested that current Meeting Room Use Policy needs to be reconciled to and before the Board's intent to invite/encourage the non-profits expanded use of library facility resources. There is some difference between use that is open to the public and any private or 1:1 use. Celine would check the Meeting Room Policy and put together a list of resources that the library could offer the group such as sharing social media, putting out flyers, study rooms if needed, etc.

A motion was needed.

Motion by Jaime Parr, seconded by Barbara Beck, carried unanimously to accept for filing the board will work on a document that identifies library spaces and invite the non-profits to use them. Roll Call: Ayes: Jaime Parr, Sara White, Barbara Beck, Beth Stecker and Anna Stehlik. Absent: Tanya Hansen and Kari Hooker-Leep. Motion Adopted.

Discussion Charging Stations: The Foundation wants to purchase charging stations for the patrons to use. Celine will talk to City IT and Laura McAloon. City Attorney about security and we will continue to discuss this item.

Library Vending Machines: Celine mentioned she is currently looking into Library Vending Machines where patrons can check books out and return them. The board will continue to discuss this as well as deciding on a good location in Grand Island for this machine.

Next Meeting: Monday June 19, 2023 at 5:15 pm

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Tanya Hansen, Secretary