
Library Board

Monday, July 17, 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 Building Community Together group that attended the Adhoc Committee meetings agreed to suggest the following to the Library Board:

1. Continue to pursue strategic partnerships with local service providers, many are non-profit organizations (NPO).
2. Install Electronic information kiosk to present a schedule of when any engaged NPO will be on-site/available to visit the library. The hope is to expand a schedule into an on-line assistance resource guide and also to allow Community to report or to communicate with GIPD.
3. Rename the substation, suggestion being, "Community Connection Center."
4. Remove the one-way glass, add curtain or window blind covering if necessary.

After much discussion, the Library Board conversation resulted in:

1. YES, the Library should and will continue to pursue partnerships with NPO in the Grand Island and Hall County Communities. It was requested that NPO be invited to bring in rack cards identifying the service

they provide. The NPO should also be invited to utilize the Libraries existing utilize the Library Meet Up tables in the Foyer or study rooms, according to the current policies. 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.

2. The Library will help to research what info kiosk funding and content options may exist. The kiosk could be used to provide Library Guests with Partner NPO schedules of when any may be on-site, schedule of when the Community Connection Center will be staffed by GIPD, the H.E.L.P. Resource and services guide, and more.
3. The Library Board voted to rename the Police Substation to Grand Island Community Connection Center (GICCC). 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.
4. The Library Board agreed to research the cost already paid to tint the windows of the GICCC. They will also assess other window treatment/privacy options if the tint would be removed.
5. The Library Board agreed that the Library can and should add other NPO logos to the GICCC, after the NPO has established a regular schedule to occupy space and to provide in-person information at the library.

There is need for additional conversations with the City and with Chief Denney are necessary to move forward with more detail. Celine, Beth, and Jaime agreed to meet with Chief Denney. The Building Community Together Adhoc Committee was all invited and encouraged to attend future Library Board Meetings, usually held on the third Monday of the month at 5:15pm, at the Library.

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

