
Library Board

Monday, November 20, 2023

Regular Meeting

Item B1

Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2023

Staff Contact:

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND
GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
October 16, 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, October 16, 2023. Notice appeared in the *Grand Island Independent* on October 12, 2023. A quorum present, President Tanya Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The following members were present: Beth Stecker, Anna Stehlik, Kari Hooker-Leep, Sara White and Barbara Beck. Celine Swan and Mitch Nickerson were also present.

Open Meetings Law Notice: Provided by President Tanya Hansen.

Public Participation: None.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Anna Stehlik, seconded by Beth Stecker, to approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2023 meeting. Upon vote, the Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Financial Reports: Motion by Beth Stecker, seconded by Kari Hooker-Leep, to approve the August 2023 Financials. Upon vote, the Motion carried unanimously.

Bills Submitted: Motion by Beth Stecker, seconded by Kari Hooker-Leep, to approve the September 26, 2023 and October 10, 2023 Bills. Upon vote, the Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report: Celine shared her media report as well as the Supervisors reports for September. Tanya will be sharing the director's report with the foundation each month. The Makerspace is very busy. The tweens/teens really enjoy the baking programs.

Board Communications and Committee Report:

Tanya is working on revising the bylaws so we can bring on two more board members allowing the terms to be staggered.

Call To Action for this Month's Meeting: At our November meeting Tanya would like each board member at roll call to mention something they did to promote the library that month. Celine handed out the fall newsletter and talked about accreditation and how the board can take a class, watch a training, etc. to go toward accreditation hours.

Strategic Plan: Everyone has met. There will be a dedicated space on the library's website that will keep the public up to date regarding our strategic plan. Also in every newsletter there will be a section on each different strategic direction so everyone knows what the strategic plan is and what has been going on.

Barb gave a summary of her part of the strategic plan:

- Public Awareness Campaign: The city will be hiring a marketing person and the library will be a part of that marketing plan.
- Extending Outreach: Looking for App the foundation can use for volunteers.
- Changing library hours: we are keeping track of our turnaways for the meeting rooms due to lack of hours available. In order to do more outreach, deliver items, house a second library location etc, we will need more staff and hours. We are tracking and assessing needs of the community regarding these issues so we can share this information with the city.
- Presence in the community: ongoing

- Start Podcast: this may start out slowly until we can get more staff. The podcast could cover things such as what is available at the library, meet the librarians, general information, and so on. Barb mentioned the Historical Society would be a great asset to this.
- Barb is going to check with Chamber of Commerce to see if we can be a part of the Chamber Passport Program.

Next Meeting: Monday November 20, 2023 at 5:15 pm

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Barbara Beck, Secretary