

Chickasha Public Library Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2022 6:00pm
Library

In Attendance: Abera Alexander, Annick Bellemain, Brenda Brown, Giselle Durbin, Joyce Witte

Absent: Debra Blaylock, Erin Glass, Miranda Molder, Sharon Stone

Also in Attendance: Lillie Huckaby

Meeting Called to Order: Joyce Witte, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm with a warm welcome to the newest Board member, Abera Alexander.

Presentations by the Public: None

Friends of the Library Report: Betsy Phillips reported for the FOL. Highlights include:

- FOL is signing up to be the local affiliate of the Dolly Parton Imagination Station (which helps provide free books to children) and the FOL hopes to be kicking off at the Rock Island Arts Festival in October. Currently, fundraisers are underway.
- Everyone can help support the library through AmazonSmile. 0.5% of eligible purchases will go to the FOL.
- The 11th annual Chocolate Celebration will once again be held at Epworth Church February 13, 2023!
- FOL hopes to return to past programs such as Summer Luncheons, author events, etc., this year (depending on how Covid goes).

Approval of Consent Docket: A motion was made by Durbin and seconded by Brown. Aye: Alexander, Bellemain, Brown, Durbin, Witte. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Adoption of the Circulation Policy: Molder and Glass presented the policy through email to Lillie Huckaby. They recommended minimal changes at this time. Lillie shared the few minor changes and Brenda Brown proofread the policy and recommended a grammar mistake to be fixed. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Witte. Aye: Alexander, Bellemain, Brown, Durbin, Witte. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Adoption of the Meeting Room Policy: Blaylock had reviewed the policy and recommended through Lillie Huckaby no changes at this time. A motion was made by Durbin and seconded by Alexander. Aye: Alexander, Bellemain, Brown, Durbin, Witte. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Adoption of the Freedom to Read Statement: Glass reviewed the Freedom to Read Statement. A motion to adopt was made by Witte and seconded by Durbin. Aye: Alexander, Bellemain, Brown, Durbin, Witte. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Adoption of the Bill of Rights: Glass reviewed the Bill of Rights, Brown made a motion to adopt and was seconded by Durbin. Aye: Alexander, Bellemain, Brown, Durbin, Witte. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Appointment of Committee to review Safety Policy: Witte appointed Durbin and Witte to review the policy.

Appointment of Committee to review the Fax Policy: Witte appointed Bellemain and Brown to review the policy.

Appointment of Committee to review the Material Selection Policy: Witte appointed Molder and Glass to review the policy.

Appointment of Committee to review the Photo and Video Use Policy and Form: Witte appointed Stone and Blaylock to review the policy.

Appointment of Committee to create a display policy: Witte appointed Durbin and Glass, with Brenda Brown as proofreader, to review the policy. It was mentioned that the American Library Association (ALA) has a template we can review.

Library Director's Report: Library Director Lillie Huckaby presented her report. Highlights include:

- The Library will be initiating the “cost plus \$5” for lost or damaged items
- The library has a matching grant from the Oklahoma Humanities which will be used to host Let's Talk About It book club. The Friends of the Library will assist in matching the grant by donating \$500 in the form of refreshment and marketing materials. The book club theme will be *Civil Rights and Equality: A Pulitzer Prize Centennial Series*. Monthly meetings will begin on the first Thursday in August through December. Meetings will commence at 6:30pm here at the library. There will be a different scholar each month who will each speak about a specific book. The grant pays an honorarium and mileage for the scholars. The dates, titles, and scholar presenter will be as follows:
 - August 4th:** *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones, presented by Dr. Kalenda Eaton
 - September 1st:** *The Native Guard* by Natasha Thretheway, presented by Dr. Harbour Winn
 - October 6th:** *The Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age* by Kevin Boyle.
 - November 3rd:** *A Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich, presented by Dr. Lloyd Mussleman.
 - December 1st: *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo, presented by Dr. Nyla Khan.
- The library's telephone system is no longer functioning (as of May 23,2022). City Management is in the process of contracting with Standley's Systems for a VOIP phone system.

- The picnic table with solar chargers has been installed and this concludes purchases made with ARPA grant money.
- The library is still awaiting three new HVAC units. Dehart says to expect them by the end of August.
- Staff news: Michelle Skinner is now a full-time employee. Sandy Robertson will retire at the end of September. Sandy has been here for 23 years and will be greatly missed by everyone.
- In addition to the monthly book club discussions, there will be Traveling Exhibits from the Oklahoma History Center. The first is *Early Oklahoma: Black Hope/Black Dreams*, it will be on exhibit in the library for the month of August, complementing the Let's Talk About It book club theme. The second will be in November entitled Family Album: Photographs by Pierre Tartou. The photographs are of Native Americans. This exhibit will help celebrate Native American Heritage month.

New Business: Board members would like to have the vote to end or keep fines put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Discussion: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Durbin to end the meeting at 7:11pm. Aye: Alexander, Bellemain, Brown, Durbin, Witte. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Our next meeting will be held October 18, 2022