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Minutes of Meeting of Abilene Public Library Board May 10, 2022

Roll call

Present

Cindy Montgomery
Amanda Cormack
Wendy Moulton
Sheryl Davidson
Rebecca Perkins
Sarah Anderson
Sheila Biggs

Dee Marshall

Sandy Foltz
Kara Cromwell
Elly Cauthon
Trevor Witt
Ron Marsh

Absent

The meeting called to order by Amanda at 4:02 PM.

Consent Agenda

Sandy Foltz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Elly Calhoun seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence to review.

Shelia moved to add discussion item to agenda, regarding reappointment form, Elly seconded. Motion carried. Shelia received and read emails from Library patrons regarding Abilene City Commission meeting – Ruth McCurry and Marilyn Holt.

Director's report

See attached report. Wendy added that the bottle filler for water fountain will be covered by leftover grant funds. Shelia asked about teen area, Wendy added there is teen programming lined up for the summer. Update on Hotspots – 3 were checked out at one time.

Children and Teen Services report.

See attached report. Sheryl is gearing up for summer reading program. Prior to COVID 650 kids participated. Spoke to 6th, 7th and 8th graders last week. Lots of promotion. Program kicks off May 24th, block party June 1st

Action Items

Discussion Items

Budget: Wendy provided draft with valuations left at prior year. Valuations expected June 15th. To present budget to City Commission on July 18th. Cindy asked about lack of utility increases in budget, Wendy to add increase of at least 1-2%. Anticipate special meeting to review valuations. Kara asked Ron about budgeting for City purposes, 18% for insurance, 6.5% for cost-of-living salary increases. Expecting 5% increase in valuations across the board.

Board appointments: Sarah Anderson and Shelia Biggs are up for reappointment

Trevor Witt – brought reappointment form in to question at City Commission meeting. Short term, there is no issue moving forward with the 2 reappointments using the current reappointment form. Long term reappointment form was drafted to be reviewed and implemented going forward. Wendy discussed SOP for other Libraries, very typical to use a letter to the commission requesting reappointment. Library board to review reappointment form at June board meeting. Shelia and Sarah's reappointments will be on the May 23rd City Commission agenda.

City Commission: Discussed past issues, bad press, and lack of communication. All sides agreed to improve communications and the general relationship between Commission and Library Board. Wendy signed

up to receive City Commission agendas, she will attend all meetings that include the library. City Manager and Mayor will be proactive in reaching out with concerns or items for discussion.

Adjournment

Shelia moved, Elly seconded at 5:08. Motion carried

Sarah Anderson
