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Minutes of Meeting of Abilene Public Library Board July 11, 2023

Roll call

Present

Wendy Moulton
Sarah Anderson
Kara Cromwell
Sheryl Davidson
Cindy Montgomery
Amanda Cormack
Jill Goldsmith

Trevor Witt
Rebecca Perkins
Elly Cauthon

Absent

James Gartland

The meeting called to order by Cindy at 4:03 PM.

2022 Audit – April from Varney & Associates presented the 2022 Audit to the board. Unmodified opinion. Sarah moved to approve the 2022 Audit as presented; Amanda seconded. Approved and motion carried.

Consent Agenda – Becky moved to approve the consent agenda; Sarah seconded. Approved and motion carried.

Correspondence – None

Director's Report –

- Adult summer reading program – 107 adults signed up; 477 books read.
- A high school student has been shadowing Judy for the summer – an opportunity provided and paid for by Independent Connection.
- New break room amenities have worked well for staff.
- Wendy signed up for a Strategic Planning seminar.
- Sheryl's report – summer reading program swim party is tonight, 7/11. Over 500 signed up, have read over 5,500 hours so far. Overall attendance is up for Kids Programming. Exploration Place is scheduled for next week – 12 campers, with 8 spots available. Rodeo story time scheduled for Aug 1st.

Action Items –

- Closing Library for Staff Training – Wendy is proposing to be closed September 21st for staff training. Sheryl, Kara, Christine, Olivia, and Wendy to attend in person in Wichita – other staff would attend online training. Library was open for President's Day in anticipation of being closed for staff training in September. Amanda moved to approve closing September 21st for staff training, Elly seconded. Approved and motion carried.
- Vulnerable Adult Policy – Wendy to send to attorney for review. Recent incident has led to the creation of this policy. Becky moved to approve the draft policy contingent upon the City attorney's review; Amanda seconded. Approved and motion carried.
- 2024 Budget – Open discussion on the 2024 budget, Wendy followed the lead of the City's proposed increase for salaries and employee benefits. Endowment income is a conservative budget. Mill Levy is capped at 8.22. Valuations increased. Amanda moved to approve 8.22 mill levy; Elly seconded. Approved and motion carried.

Adjournment

Elly motioned; Sarah seconded at 5:08. Motion carried.

Sarah Anderson
