



Minutes of Meeting of Abilene Public Library Board November 14, 2023

Roll call

Present

Wendy Moulton
Sarah Anderson
Sheryl Davidson
Cindy Montgomery
Amanda Cormack
Jill Goldsmith
Trevor Witt

Ron Marsh
James Gartland
Elly Cauthon
Kara Cromwell

Absent

Rebecca perkins

The meeting called to order by Cindy at 4:05 PM.

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

Correspondence –

- Community Foundation quarterly statements

Director's Report –

- Public Works helping rearrange shelving, Rivendell bookstore donated moveable book shelves
- NCKLS considering changing catalogue providers
- Sheryl's report – planning winter reading program

Action Items –

- New board member – one applicant, Tony Serbousek. Jim moved to recommend Tony to be considered for the library board, Amanda seconded. Approved and motion carried. The mayor to consider Tony for approval at the next City Commission meeting.
- Library opening late on December 13th for Library holiday party. Asking for approval to open at 10am instead of 9am. Holiday part will be a staff breakfast. Jill motioned to approve opening at 10am on December 13th, Elly seconded. Approved and motion carried.

Discussions Items –

- NCKLS service improvement grant - \$1,000 from the 2023 grant to be used for teen space furnishings. Planning to apply again in 2024 and use the \$1,000 for strategic planning costs.
- Open Carry Policy – Ron checked with City Attorney and he believes the City would need to implement a policy in order for the library to hang signs and enforce a policy. The topic was discussed at the City Commission meeting and the topic was tabled. Ron to ask police department to include the Library in their regular rounds, establishing a police presence and building a relationship with the Library patrons.
- Director Evaluation – board members to complete and send to Cindy by December 4th

Adjournment

Elly motioned; Jill seconded at 4:43. Motion carried.

Sarah Anderson