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Minutes of Meeting of Abilene Public Library Board - July 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Montgomery at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call - Present - Wendy Moulton, Cindy Montgomery, Amanda Cormack, James Gartland, Jill Goldsmith, Elly Cauthorn, Tony Serbousek , Rebecca Perkins, Brandon Rein and Sheryl Davidson. Ed Boice and Elizabeth Weese were in attendance as a guests.

- Elizabeth Weese from the Community Foundation gave a brief presentation about how the Foundation operates, its funding, and how funds are used and distributed. She answered questions from board members regarding the same. Elizabeth made recommendations as to how funds can and cannot be used and how to manage them better.
- A handout was distributed regarding the Kansas Open Meetings Act and the board was reminded of their obligations and restrictions under the Act.

Consent Agenda - *Jill moved to approve the consent agenda including previous meeting minutes and financial reports, seconded by Tony; Motion carried unanimously.*

Correspondence

- None

Director's Report

- Report was reviewed. Wendy mentioned that the person who created a disturbance last month has not been back to the facility. The staff is looking into some possible changes in the teen area such as room dividers and possibly some kid's Kindles.
- Children & Teen Services - Report was reviewed. Sheryl reported that summer reading was winding down. Sheryl also announced that she may be retiring in the next few months.

Action Items

- Pay Compression Adjustment - The City will enact their new pay compression program as of July 19. The board decided to wait to institute the policy at the Library until the 1st of the new year in conjunction/consideration of the budget process.
- Strategic Plan - *Amanda motioned to approve the Strategic Plan as amended, seconded by Brandon; Motion carried unanimously.*
- 2025 Budget - Two draft budget proposals were presented; one with the current mill levy and one with a higher mill levy. *After discussion, Jim moved to accept the Draft A version of the budget proposal, seconded by Amanda; Motion carried unanimously.*

Discussion Items

- Meeting Room Policy - A long discussion took place over the meeting room policy. Several typos were found and some minor changes suggested. Corrected version will go to attorney before final Board approval.

Added Item

- The Board recognized Wendy Moulton for her 10 plus years of service to the Library. A cake was shared by everyone.

Next meeting is August 13, 2024.

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM, seconded by Tony; Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

James S. Gartland

James S. Gartland, Secretary