

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 GERING PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Present:

Board Members: Jeff Kelley, Suzanne Myers, Kim Walker

Library Director: Christie Clarke

Foundation Liason: Jay Skiles

Absent:

Board Members: Mary Robinson, Kirstee Moore Schutte

City Council Liaison: Rebecca Shields

Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Attention was called to the posting of The Open Meetings Act - NEB.REV.STAT. CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14.

As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room. Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the Board President. As required by State Law, additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless they are considered under this section of the agenda and the Library Board determines that the matter requires emergency action.

Kelley asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none. Board members reviewed the August 20, 2024 board meeting minutes. Kelley asked for a motion to approve as corrected. Walker moved to approve the minutes and Myers seconded it. The vote was called. "Ayes": Kelley, Myers, Walker. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Robinson, Schutte. The vote passed.

The statistical and financial reports for August were reviewed. Kelley called for a motion to approve. Myers moved and Walker seconded the motion. "Ayes": Kelly, Myers, Walker. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Robinson, Schutte. The vote passed.

Board members reviewed the August bills. Myers questioned the bill from Big Mack bill for services in which it appeared that nothing was done for the first visit which was charged. They did come and assessed and came back a second time for service. The metal detector purchased will be available for check out.

Kelley called for a motion to approve August bills. Myers moved and Walker seconded to approve the bills. The vote was called. "Ayes": Kelley, Myers, Walker "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Robinson, Schutte. The vote passed.

Director Clarke's Report

1. The last council budget meeting is Sept. 23. Wednesday, Sept. 18th is the public meeting for questions. If nothing out of the ordinary happens we will move forward with

hiring for our new part time library asst. position which will be an assistant to public services. We already have a person chosen for this position from the interviews we did for Logan Allen's position and if approved they will start September 30.

2. The Amberley Snyder events are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 23rd. The daytime event is at the Gering Civic Center at 1:00 p.m. and the evening event is at the Mitchell Fair Grounds at 7 p.m. Sherry Preston needs a few more volunteers to help with the afternoon event. Several board members volunteered to help.
3. The library is now partnering with the Gering Schools on the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. GPS will purchase yard signs and t shirts for those who reach their reading goal and also provide prizes and events for the students and their families to attend by partnering with the Carpenter Center, WNCC, and Runza. GPL will provide small prizes for the small benchmarks. Both entities will promote the program and the events on their social media pages. GPL will ask the Friends group to sponsor yard signs and t shirts that do not have GPS logos, colors, and mascot on them for the children who participate but are not GPS students such as Scottsbluff, Homeschool, Mitchell, etc. All participants will be eligible for all of the prizes.
4. The Friends back to school book sale was successful and brought in over \$200. The final amount will be forthcoming.
5. Clarke asked board members to start thinking about other people that would be good to serve on the board.
6. Clarke encouraged board members to let her know if and how she can improve board members recruitment and retention.

The Gering Library Foundation Board:

1. Library Foundation members have volunteered support for the Amberly Snyder events
2. Foundation has helped with funding for this event.
3. Foundation was informed that \$50,000 capital funds from this fiscal year city budget will be transferred along with \$50,000 from the general fund from next fiscal year and foundation will support architectural plans for expansion/remodel. This will eventually lead to the Foundation needing to do major capital fundraising.

City Council Liaison:

No report

Unfinished Business:

New Business

Kelley asked for a motion to adjourn. Walker moved and Myers seconded the motion. "Ayes": Kelly, Myers, Walker. "Nays": none. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robinson, Schutte vote passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30

Secretary Suzanne Myers