

MEETING OF THE NATRONA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
September 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Vice President Cathi Carr.

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Cathi Carr, Chris Mullen, Alaina Stedillie, Vickie Cawthra*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Mike Stepp*

ALSO PRESENT: *Lisa Scroggins, Executive
Kate Mutch, Assistant Director
Greta Lehnerz, Business Manager/Human Resources
Megan Bratton, Marketing/PR
Leda Pojman, Deputy County Attorney
Candice Cochran, NCPL Foundation Executive Director
John Griffith, NCPL Foundation President
Debra Cheatham, Guest*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved to approve the agenda. (Hall/Cawthra); motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debra Cheatham, as part of continuing education, addressed the Board with comments on agendas and meetings of the Library Board.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 8, 2023 MEETING

It was moved to approve and file the minutes from the August 8, 2023 meeting. (Mullen/Cathra); motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved to approve the Financial Reports and payments for August 2023 bills. (Stedillie/Mullen); motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director is continuing to work on the Wyoming's Library Multi-Purpose Community Facility Program (WLMCF) grant application. It was launched on August 24th and is due on October 9th. Her goal is to have a draft submitted to the State Library for review and comments no later than September 25th.

Both vans will be wrapped soon with the same graphics. The vans should be highly visible when doing outreach.

The annual Wyoming Library Association conference will be held in Casper October 4-6. Several employees will attend.

The Director shared the following. The Wyoming Freedom Caucus called on the Wyoming State Library to cut ties with ALA. According to the Cowboy State Daily (July 26) "The Governor recognizes the valuable role libraries play in civic life as a place for accessing information, learning and as a repository for history and knowledge. He is firmly committed to defending the First Amendment, a key tenant of our Constitution." In another article (CST) Governor Gordon said, "The letter (from the Freedom Caucus) implies that Wyoming citizens – Wyoming parents – are not capable of deciding how best to govern themselves and need the self-appointed morality police to show them the way. He (Gordon) called for discussion about ALA's 'organizational drift' but is keeping WLA in the ALA, at least for now."

The library board, Lisa Scroggins, Kate Mutch, and Greta Lehnerz all attended the Public Officer Training by the Department of Audit.

The library received a one of the fiber glass buffalos from the 2003 'Where the Buffalo Roam' fund raiser. It was donated by the family of the late James Harold. The artist of the 'Knight on the Town' buffalo has been contacted and she is exited to be part of any ceremony.

The staff training day was originally scheduled for October 10 and has been postponed and will be held sometime in February.

FOUNDATION REPORT

John Griffith the Foundation is focused on the presentation to the BOCC to be held 9/19/23. He thanked Candice Cochran and Megan Bratton for their work on the presentation. Members from the city may also attend the presentation.

He also expressed condolences to Commissioner Nicolaysen on the loss of his father on behalf of the Foundation.

The next Foundation meeting will be September 19 at 5:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

The Director discussed the Request for Funding packet. The library is on the BOCC Work session schedule for September 19th at 2:40 to present the Request for Funding. There will be 20 minutes to present the packet. The Director invited all to attend since the request is from the Board. She thanked Megan Bratton for her excellent wordsmithing.

Cathi Carr reminded the Board of the Friends Booksale September 14–16. The staff appreciation presale will be September 14 at 1:30 pm. The Friends next board meeting will be September 20th and 5 pm.

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AJOURNMENT

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 pm. (Cawthra/Stedillie); motion carried.

Mitchell _____
Shirley L. Cawthra _____
Cathy Carr _____