

Meeting Minutes of the Argyle Public Library Board of Trustees

Monday, February 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Library

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jessica Martin at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Board members in attendance: Monica Hodgson, Bill Johnson, Village representative Lisa Johnson, Library Director Sarah Kyrie, Jessica Martin, Lynn Rossing. Friends of the Argyle Public Library representatives in attendance: Steve Engles, Susan Munoz, and Garry Rossing. Also in attendance: Village President candidate Tim Olmstead, Kathy Olmstead, Halie Helfvogt, and Jenny Detra.

3. Adoption/Amendment of Agenda

Hodgson moved to add a closed session to the agenda. L. Rossing seconded. All in favor.

4. Approval of January 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Martin moved to approve the January 15, 2024 minutes. L. Rossing seconded. All in favor.

5. Public Communications

Argyle Village President candidate Tim Olmstead presented, then answered questions asked by those present.

6. Friends of the Argyle Public Library Report 7:00 p.m.

Engles reported. The Friends recently purchased 40 new chairs with a grant from the Argyle Community Fund that are now in the Community Room to be used for Library programs and other village events. One Friends board member recently left due to health reasons, and one new member, Tricia Ostby, has joined the board. Another new board member may be added soon. The Friends group is hosting a Staff Appreciation dinner on Sunday, February 25th.

7. Village Communication Report

L. Johnson reported that as the newest Village Board member she is quickly getting up to speed on library and other issues.

8. Finances/Approval of Bills

- a. The bills were reviewed. L. Rossing moved to approve the bills. Martin seconded. All in favor.
- b. Community Foundation Grant awarded in November. Kyrie coordinated with the Friends to purchase a dolly for the new chairs and is planning for use of the remaining funds.
- c. Kyrie reported that the library's ALA Small and Rural Libraries Accessibility Grant application was successful. The \$10,000 will be used for an automatic door opener, audio readers, accessibility and visibility materials, program funding, a laptop for checking out books off-site, and more.

9. Library Updates

- a. Programming.

i. Past programs. Programs on a variety of topics continue to attract community members.

ii. Upcoming programs. Kyrie provided a handout of planned programs.

b. LCLPC Updates. Library staff members have completed NARCAN training. Argyle Police Chief Hayley Saalsaa is available to provide this training to interested community members.

c. Professional Updates. Kyrie met with Legislators in Madison for Library Legislation Day on February 6th.

10. Subject Matter of Issues to Be Considered by the Board

a. Annual Report Review and Approval. B. Johnson moved to approve the APL Annual Report. Hodgson seconded. All in favor.

b. New Director posting/Interim Director. Kyrie's last day as APL Director is 2/29. The job posting for a new Director was reviewed and discussed. *Note: the topic of Interim Director was addressed after Closed Session: see Subject Matter of Issues to Be Considered by the Board, continued, below.*

c. New Library Board member - March 2024. Martin reported that Danielle Zywicki is interested in joining the Library Board and serving as board President.

d. New Library Discussion. No report.

11. Closed Session

7:14 p.m. Martin moved to begin the closed session. Hodgson seconded. All in favor. Closed session held to discuss upcoming library changes.

7:54 p.m. B. Johnson moved to end the closed session and go to regular session. Martin seconded. All in favor.

10. Subject Matter of Issues to Be Considered by the Board, continued

The topic of Interim Director was discussed. Hodgson moved to employ Michelle Harrigan as Interim Director for at least 12 hours per week starting March 1st, and at the same pay level that Kyrie is currently being paid. B. Johnson seconded. All in favor.

12. Adjournment

L. Rossing moved to adjourn. Hodgson seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, February 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m., location to be determined.