

## **Meeting Minutes of the Argyle Public Library Board of Trustees**

Monday, November 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Community Room

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Jessica Martin at 6:02 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call of Members**

Members in attendance: Monica Hodgson, Bill Johnson, Village representative Lisa Johnson, Library Director Sarah Kyrie, Jessica Martin, Lynn Rossing. Also in attendance: Friends of the Argyle Public Library board members Maryellyne Rear, Garry Rossing, and Vicki Tollakson. Christy Monk of FEH Design and members of the public also were in attendance.

### **3. Adoption/Amendment of Agenda**

Hodgson moved to approve the agenda. Martin seconded. All in favor.

### **4. New Library Discussion (this item moved ahead as a courtesy to guest speaker)**

Christy Monk, principal architect at FEH Design, distributed copies of the conceptual planning booklet for a new space for the library. The booklet summarizes ideas that Building Committee members and members of the public discussed at the SPARK session held at the Community Building on September 29th. She reviewed the contents of the booklet with those present and invited questions.

### **5. Approval of October 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Hodgson moved to approve the October 16, 2023 minutes. B. Johnson seconded. All in favor.

### **6. Public Communications**

None.

### **7. Friends Report**

G. Rossing reported. The Friends board met last week. They are planning an information and fundraising table at the December 2nd Holiday Craft Fair where raffle items including a gallon of local honey and a quilt made by Jeanine Nelson will be raffled off. They will also sell library t-shirts there.

### **8. Village Communication Report**

Village board member Lisa Johnson was recently named as the new library representative. She introduced herself, and those present welcomed her to the library board.

### **9. Finances/Approval of Bills**

a. The bills were reviewed. L. Rossing moved to approve the bills. B. Johnson seconded. All in favor.

b. Grants.

i. Community Foundation Grants 2023 and 2024. Director Kyrie reported that the bench for enhancing the outdoor entrance is still in the works. For the 2024 grant, the library is working with the Friends to acquire chairs and chair dollies for use at Community

Building library programs. The chairs will be available for use in the Community Room until they are moved to the new library space.

- ii. A grant application has been submitted to TMobile for children's programming.
- iii. Director Kyrie and Peg Rasch are working on an application for a \$10,000 ALA Small and Rural Libraries Accessibility grant, due December 3, for a door opener for the front door, audio readers, and more.

10. Library Updates

- a. Programming. Events are ongoing. Director Kyrie provided board members with the latest flyer listing all upcoming programs.
- b. LCLPC Updates. Lafayette County approved a five percent increase in reimbursement to libraries, which will mean an estimated \$500 increase for the Argyle Public Library.
- c. Professional Updates. Director Kyrie attended (by invitation) the Winding Rivers Library System meeting last week. As guest speaker she presented on the topic of library programming in rural areas.
- d. Director Kyrie is planning the library's annual Anniversary Party held each January.
- e. Val Steiner will no longer be on the schedule to work at the library on a regular basis, but may help out as a substitute going forward.

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

- a. New Library Discussion. See #4 above.
- b. Policies to Be Reviewed. Due to the late hour, it was agreed to set this topic aside until the next meeting.

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Adjournment

L. Rossing moved to adjourn. Martin seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, January 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m., location to be determined.