

VALLEY CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2021

The meeting was held in person and by Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Morgan Wiebe. Those in attendance were Morgan Wiebe, Sara Johnson, Jeanne Shove, Barbara Jarman, Shelli Miller, Terry Foster and Janice Sharp. Nancy Anderson, Brent Clark and Ron Colbert also attended.

Sara made a motion to approve the agenda; Shelli seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.

In the Public Forum, Ron spoke about hosting a silent auction at the Library for one of the fund raisers for the Moving Wall which will be in Valley Center Oct. 21 – 25. The discussion was about the auction being in person or online. The idea was also presented to have the auction during Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 25. Brent suggested the possibility of having a movie outside such as Jungle Cruise which will be released July 30. Terry explained that our movie license does not permit viewing movies outside. The auction will be discussed again at the July meeting.

Nancy spoke about the progress on the Butterfly Garden. Nancy explained that the City had sprayed part of the area to kill the grass for the garden but more will need to be sprayed since the area has been enlarged. The City will work on the site in July – possibly bringing in dirt for the area. Nancy explained that the outline of the garden will have sandstone blocks that are about 6”H, 4”D and 18”L. There will be mulch in the walkway then river rock for the path through the garden.

Jeanne made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2021 meeting; Sara seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.

Sara made a motion to approve the financial report and pay bills; Barbara seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous. Janice pointed out that we had received a check from the City over the weekend for \$103,126.47 which Janice deposited this morning. The check to Overdrive is for E-books that are purchased by Overdrive. We received a \$1,000 Digital Access grant from SCKLS to purchase E-books.

In the Director’s report, Janice shared information about the Digital Grant referenced above and also about the Summer Reading Program. We have had one session so far on June 9. The 11 AM session had moderate attendance but the 6 PM session had 12 in attendance including Janice and Terry.

In the Office Manager’s report, Terry reported that the stats are improving with the additional hours we’re open. The summer reading attendance will hopefully increase but we realize that with afternoon programming, we’re competing with sports and other family activities.

We have sold 1548 items on the book sale to date netting over \$1,000. We invited the Boys Ranch to come in to select books – that donation was 155 books.

In Old Business, we discussed an update on hours and usage as well any changes in mask requirements. The Board approved staff wearing masks if they chose to do so while not pushing patrons. Patrons have gotten angry at times when they were asked to use masks. We will keep our signs up requesting that masks be worn.

In New business, Janice shared that she had had a request for permission to have a wedding in the Library. The future bride and groom have been in to look and ask questions. They will be making a decision after discussion with parents. Their plan would be to move shelves in the children’s area to accommodate about 30 chairs. They would move shelving as needed and set up chairs.

Janice asked for input on moving our vinyl furniture out for patrons to use. The Board authorized the use of the vinyl furniture but not the cloth chairs at this time.

Janice also asked for comments regarding the possibility of having our meetings at City Hall. Brent has offered to have our meetings there since equipment is in place for the meetings to be viewed either on Channel 7 or Facebook. The Board chose to continue to have our meetings at the Library.

Janice explained that she had problems reconciling the bank accounts. The cause was that the check to North Meridian Storage had been processed back through the Chisholm Trail Account but had been issued through the Halstead Bank account. Several of the checks can be recalled but the older checks will be adjusted through the accounts by making a journal entry.

Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Shelli seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.