

VALLEY CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Toby Carver, Board Chair. Those in attendance were Toby Carver, Shelli Miller, Barbara Jarman, Stacy Alexander, Michael Vo, Terry Foster and Janice Sharp.

Stacy made a motion to approve the agenda; Barbara seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.

Shelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9 meeting; Stacy seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.

Stacy made a motion to approve the financial report; Shelli seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous. Janice shared that the financials include the October statement from the City, the new laptop purchased to replace an out-of-date laptop, and reimbursements to staff for the food items purchased for the Chamber lunch.

In the Director's report, Janice shared that the new laptop will be delivered on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from SCKLS. The attendance for the Chamber lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 18, was 36. City Administrator Brent Clark presented an update of the City for the program. He shared about the new housing developments in the area and about the work that will be done on Meridian to widen and improve the traffic.

Janice had received an email that the Park City Library is searching for a new director.

The Library will have a program of Holocaust Stories of Resistance and Resilience on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The speaker will be Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg from the Humanities Kansas Speakers Bureau. She will share the stories of two men who lost everything and eventually came to Kansas to make new lives.

In the Office Manager's report, Terry shared that we've been brainstorming programs to increase our stats. The stats have increased slightly throughout 2023 but we're hoping to continue the increase in 2024.

The information from the book sale: sold 1,499 books; collected \$1,188; We sent 35 boxes to Open Door Ministries; 4 boxes to the Lord's Diner; 12 boxes to the Sedgwick County Jail and 1 box to a nursing home.

Library staff worked the Trick or Treat Main Street at Halloween, handing out candy to 1,500 to 2,000 people.

The Menocause Grant application will be opening in December. We would like to purchase launch pads through the grant this year.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, it was decided to have the staff/board party in January after the board meeting.

Janice presented information about bonuses in 2022 and suggestions for 2023. Stacy made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes beginning at 6:30 PM; Barbara seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous. Barbara made a motion to exit the executive session at 6:40 PM; Stacy seconded. Stacy made a motion to pay bonuses based on the chart as presented; Shelli seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.

Stacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Barbara; motion carried; vote was unanimous.