

VALLEY CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Toby Carver, Board Chair. Those in attendance were Toby Carver, Jeanne Shove, Shelli Miller, Chris Porter, Stacy Alexander, Terry Foster and Janice Sharp.

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

Shelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14 meeting; Jeanne seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.

Shelli made a motion to approve the financial report and pay bills for September; Chris seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous. Janice shared that the checks were for regular purchases with the largest payment going to Ingram for books. Jeanne had asked about the payments for late invoices – Janice explained that those invoices had come in after the meeting documentation had been completed.

In the Director's report, Janice shared the attendance numbers for the Dinner Theater (26 including staff) and the Wichita War Dancer program (110). We received positive comments for both programs.

The ViewScan microfilm reader has been set-up and is ready for use. This purchase was possible through a technology grant from the South Central Kansas Library System.

The story times for fall will begin tomorrow for the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday sessions. Sarah is gathering her supplies and books for the sessions.

The Library will host a program on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 1 PM, about the Dockum Drug Store sit-in that occurred in 1958. The program will be presented by a speaker through the Kansas Humanities Speakers Bureau.

Nancy has wanted to have an event of thanks for the volunteers that have worked on the butterfly garden and made it a positive addition to the Library. She has decided to have the event – Butterflies & Beer (root beer floats) will be on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 2 to 4 PM for the garden volunteers. It will be by invitation only – not to everyone in Valley Center.

In the Office Manager's report, Terry shared about the stats from August. The totals are down but we feel it's due to people on vacation in August and preparing for school to start.

Our new employee has been in training since she started employment on August 28. She is learning to handle interlibrary loans, book processing and is offering to help anyone as needed. She helps with shelving and assisting in circulation.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Janice requested a discussion regarding the time for our monthly meetings. This month, we started at 6:30 rather than 6 PM to make it easier for some members to come fitting with their personal schedules. It was determined that we would meet at 6:30 PM for future meetings.

Stacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chris seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.