

Alva Public Library

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The Alva Public Library Board met on April 8th, 2019 in the Share Conference Room at the Alva Public Library. Members present were: Ms. Linda Joseph, Mrs. Patti Harkin, Mr. Len Reed, Ms. Marilyn Clyne and Council Representative Chris Eckhardt. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Council Member Eckhardt. Mr. Reed made a motion that the March 4th, 2019 minutes be approved after corrections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Clyne. Those voting in favor of the motion: Mrs. Harkin, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Clyne, Mr. Reed, and Council Representative Eckhardt. Chairman Lynn Wilt was not able to attend the meeting.

Library data and Financial Report

The library data and financial reports were presented by Library Director Sandra Ott-Hamilton. Director Ott-Hamilton told the board members that a number of purchase orders had been placed in the last week and the financial statement that was passed out was for the end of March. The board reviewed the financial statement. Twenty two meetings were held at the library during the month and 162 new items were added to the library collection.

In March 740 e-books/audiobooks/magazines were downloaded. 1552 physical items were checked out from the library resulting in a total of 2292 items checked out for the month. The Internet was logged into 932 times during the month.

Council Report

City Council Representative Eckhardt reported that the Council held a short meeting. The business of moving forward with the proposed demolition of several properties was postponed due to a discrepancy in the date on some of the notifications. The council voted to purchase a new rescue vehicle with money that was already budgeted for this purpose.

Library Report

Copies of the 2019-2020 requested budget for the Alva Public Library were passed out to the Library Board. Director Ott-Hamilton thanked Chairman Lyn Wilt, Mr. Reed and Mrs. Harkin for serving on the budget committee. Director Ott-Hamilton explained the format of the City Budget Retreat and mentioned that it is a valuable tool to help all the departments understand the needs and priorities of each individual department.

Director Ott-Hamilton informed the Board that the Alva Public Library has hosted 3 or the 6 scheduled Financial

Fitness Workshops. The participants are giving positive reviews of the sessions.

The Friends of the Alva Public Library held the Chocolate Fantasy on Thursday April 4th. The event was well attended with standing room only. Due to the generosity of the community the event raised around \$12,000.00. The money will be used to fund Friends related activities and special library projects.

The Summer Reading Program will begin the first Monday of June. The theme for this year is "Universe of Stories". The signup sheets for the program will be available the first week in May. There will be two age levels for the programs which will be held on Mondays. Kindergarten through 2nd grade or the non-reader group and the reader grade made up of 3rd through 6th grade students. The Little Explorers group will serve the needs of patrons up to the age of 5 or any student that will not be attending kindergarten in the fall of 2019. This group meets on Tuesdays. The library staff is also planning other sign up activities during the summer that will be for elementary and middle school students.

The library will be holding a special Code Club program during the summer and requests have been made to develop an organized Lego Club. Signup sheets for these special programs will be available at a later date.

Angela Courson and Amy Ryerson attended a certification class in Fairview on April 4th. They are taking the classes to become certified through the Oklahoma Department of Libraries program.

Director's Report

Director Ott-Hamilton told the Board she had spoken with Dr. David Kovarovic and he has decided to resign from the Board due to health and time issues. She has contacted Mayor Kelly Parker so a new Board member can be appointed.

There are copies available at the desk of Larry Thorne's address at the hospital in Pawhuska. He will be returning to Alva sometime in the next month.

Board Member and Visitor comments

There were no comments from the library board members and the meeting was adjourned by Acting Chairman Eckhardt.