

Alva Public Library

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The Alva Public Library Board met on Monday July 8th, 2019 in the Share Conference Room at the Alva Public Library. Members present were: Chairman Lynn Wilt, Ms. Linda Joseph, Mrs. Patti Harkin, Ms. Marilyn Clyne, Mr. Len Reed, Mrs. April Ridgway and Council Representative Chris Eckhardt. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilt. Mr. Reed made a motion that the June 3rd, 2019 minutes be approved. The motion was seconded at the same time by Ms. Clyne and Council Member Eckhardt. Those voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Wilt, Mrs. Harkin, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Clyne, Mrs. Ridgway, Mr. Reed and Council Representative Eckhardt.

Library data and Financial Report

The library data and financial reports were presented by Library Director Sandra Ott-Hamilton. The board reviewed the financial statement. She has not received the new budget sheet but should have it in the next couple of weeks and it will be available at the August meeting. Statistics for the past year were totaled and showed a decrease in juvenile checkout, further research showed that last year's numbers were not correct as the circulation system in some instances was counting as a new checkout books that were double scanned. This problem was fixed for the 2018-2019 year. Thirty six programs or meeting were held at the library during the month and 228 new items were added to the library collection.

In June 761 e-books/audiobooks/magazines were downloaded. 1953 physical items were checked out from the library resulting in a total of 2714 items checked out for the month. The Internet was accessed 968 times.

Council Report

City Council Representative Eckhardt reported that the the repair of the city streets is ongoing as weather and the availability of asphalt permits. There will be a special election dealing with the franchise agreement with ONG and that ONG pays for this election. The election for the bond issue for the swimming pool will be August the 13th. Council Member Eckhardt recommended that all citizens should research the facts regarding the pool and then could make an informed decision on how they chose to vote. Public hearings will be held in the weeks leading up to the bond election. The Fire Department recommended charge for specific services has been tabled at this time. The Council approved the 2019-2020 budget.

Library Report

Director Ott-Hamilton told the Board that the official Summer Reading Program held its last program today. A total of 12 "A Universe of Stories" programs were held. The library will continue to hold the Little Explorers program, Lego Club, Coding Club and small group activities through the month of July and August. The library also has a reading program where participants can read books at home or read for minutes at the library and get to select fun prizes.

The library has added 3 more I-pads with numerous fun educational games to the youth area of the library. The I-pads were purchased using State Aid funding. The air-conditioning system for the basement area and the large unit on the roof has been replaced. And two other small units located on the roof are in need of replacement. One of the units is not working and the other has been heavily damaged by hail. They are twined units and need to be replaced at the same time.

The library will be getting a new phone system. The patrons will still be able to use the same number to call the library. The fax service will be moving to an online service that will use the library scanner and staff member computers. The library will be changing its email address by joining the other departments through the City of Alva email. The public will be notified of the new email and it will be posted on the library website.

Annual elections were held for the Alva Public Library Board. Mr. Reed nominated Chairman Wilt to another term and the motion was made to stop nominations by Ms. Clyne it was seconded by Mr. Reed. Chairman Wilt was elected by acclamation. Mr. Reed nominated Director Ott-Hamilton to continue to serve as secretary. The motion was made to accept the nomination by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Ms. Clyne. Director Ott-Hamilton was elected by acclamation.

Director's Report

No additional information

Board Member and Visitor comments

Marione Martin informed the Board that a book composed of articles written by Jim Barker about the Alva area is available for purchase through Amazon and that Roxie Kirk has also published a book. There were no additional comments from the library board members and the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Wilt.