

Alva Public Library

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The Alva Public Library Board met on March 2nd, 2020 in the Share Conference Room at the Alva Public Library. Members present were: Chairman Mrs. Lynn Wilt, Ms. Linda Joseph, Ms. Marilyn Clyne, Mrs. Patty Harkin, Mrs. April Ridgway, and Council Representative Chris Eckhardt. Mr. Len Reed was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Wilt. Ms. Clyne made a motion that the February 3rd, 2020 minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Council Representative Eckhardt. Those voting in favor of the motion: Ms. Clyne, Mrs. Harkin, Mrs. Ridgway, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Eckhardt and Chairman Wilt.

Library data and Financial Report

The library data and were presented by Library Director Sandra Ott-Hamilton. The financial reports that were available were from January. The February reports were not available in time for the meeting. The April meeting will be on the 6th so current financials will be available at that time. Director Ott-Hamilton explained that the library is keeping spending at a minimum and the accounts appear to be on target at this time. The reports were discussed by the board members. Library checkout increased slightly during the month of February and 20 people made new library cards. The library hosted 33 meeting in February. Internet usage remains consistent.

Council Report

City Council Representative Eckhardt reported about the Pool Task Force and the changes that the Health Department had made which might allow the pool to open this summer. The pool will need to be sandblasted to check the cracks and have them repaired with a new material if possible. Also the filtration material will have to be removed and the tanks checked to see if they can be used. The City has formed a committee to assist in the City Manager Search and then the selected candidates list will be given to the City Council.

Library Report

The library hosted a PLA Virtual Conference for two days. Area librarians were invited to attend 10 virtual programs from the national meeting which was held in Nashville. The librarians were able to receive CEU credit for watching the conference and it was paid for by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

The Friends of the Alva Public Library will be holding their Chocolate Fantasy on Thursday, April 2nd.

Director Ott Hamilton passed out the libraries Summer Youth Program Schedule. The traditional Summer Reading Program will be held on Mondays during the month of June. Additional programs will be offered in June and July for area youth.

The new computer and monitor for the youth librarian should be installed next week. The current computer will be moved to a catalog computer in the youth library

The library staff started tracking funds for the month of January to see if the money collected at the library are for fines, charges for copies or charges for faxes. The tracking continued through the month of February. The majority of the funds collected were for copies. The board requested that the library staff research and write a policy concerning going fine free. Director Ott Hamilton and her staff will check with other libraries that have gone fine free and how the process works and how it benefits the community.

Director's Report

A representative from OHAI contacted the library to see if the library could host a SAIL – Staying Active and Independent for Life 12 week program. The class will start April 21 and end July 2. The hour long class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:15pm in the auditorium room in the basement.

Board Member and Visitor comments

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