

The Board of the Owen Public Library met at 4 pm Wed. August 23, 2023. Attending were Jeffer Scheuer, Nancy Garrett, Roxana Reitz, Nikki Hall, Scott Jalling, and Lorelee Petersen. President Debra Smith called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting, April 19<sup>th</sup>, were read and approved with minor correction. (MMSR Roxana/Nikki)

The financial report was next. We need more funds in our electricity line, having used almost 73% at this point. (MMSR Jeffer/Nancy, after a short discussion.)

Director's update: We ended the summer program with 15 kids getting ride tickets for the fair, or state park passes. The adult book review program went well with state part day passes for a third book review handed in. A \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card was the grand prize, and a \$25 second prize.

Fall program preview includes Coffee and Conversation; Book Club; Curtiss Health Fair; Dungeons and Dragons; Trivia night at the library. Discussion of the Trunk or Treat activity was battered about, considering having it at the school and joining with them and perhaps the Withee Library. Lorelee is going to take that ball and run with it. We will meet again on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm to discuss the issue. Shop local might be a time we could have an open house for the calendar photographers and perhaps have crafters sell some of their wares.

Tech update: a new tech guru has been hired by WVLS that has been a big help so far. It is hoped to turn our computer room into a business center. We would like to add a self-service fax machine, upgrade software (which has been done), and adding more tech features for printing, etc.

The budget was not yet worked out, due to lack of some statistics. The latest meeting requesting an increase from the Clark County Board; the executive committee passed a motion to increase our funding from 75% to 85%. That will next be going to the finance committee Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Some changes in the budget might be limiting the DVD collection, and perhaps increasing the games. We need to follow the new tech trends. Following the trends will help us bring in younger patrons. Lorelee is also concerned about paying her workers enough to keep them here.

Calendars: Lorelee is working on printing and costs, and hoping to have it available at Shop Local (Saturday after Thanksgiving.).

Under policy review: **Budget Process** – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Add “or as soon as possible” to the end of #1. #2 and #4 should be combined to eliminate redundancies. Add “Director” to the presentation of the budget to the City Council (#5)

**Cassette and CD Policy**

Remove “cassette and” from title.

Change first two lines to read “CD check out times will be consistent with other VCAT libraries.”

Remove lines about “service charges”.

Add “Late fee may be accessed if item is overdue. Fees will be consistent with other VCAT libraries”.

Under concerns and comments, there was discussion at the city council about eliminating some park areas due to budget concerns. It was discussed about having a dog park behind the library, which might be a concern to our library. Nothing has been determined as of yet.

The next meeting will be held Monday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM  
(MMSC Roxana/Jeffer) made a motion to adjourn at 5:25.