

Approved Minutes

Regular meeting of the Fremont County Library System Board of Trustees held February 7, 2024, 9:30 AM in person at the Riverton Branch Library or via Zoom.

Present: Board Members: Carrie Johnson, Perry Cook, Kristen McClelland, Marta Mossburg; Library Director Anita Marple Absent: Board Member John Angst

1) Approval of Agenda

Perry Cook motioned to approve the Agenda. Passed.

2) Approval of Consent Agenda Perry Cook motioned to approve the Consent Agenda.. Passed.

A. January Board Minutes

B. Record of Financial Statements & Actions

· Wyoming Community Bank: \$520,936.71 (1-24-24)

· Capital Investment Fund: \$329,130.17 (1-10-24)

· Tax Distribution-January: \$173,726.51 (1-08-24)

· Cash Reserve: We have \$200,000 from the Fremont County Cash Reserve Fund included in our WCB total.

C. Approval of Bills & Signatures

All present signed.

D. Approval of Bills for Manual Warrant

Anita Marple noted that some bills arrive after the Accounts Payable packet is created for the board meeting. If these bills are due before the next month's board meeting, then they are paid by Manual Warrant with the approval of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer. Bills paid by Manual Warrant are then retroactively approved by the library board at the next board meeting. To reduce the number of bills paid by Manual Warrant, Anita will work with the bookkeeping office to create a new Accounts Payable signature page for board approval that lists additional bills which have been received and have imminent due dates. This arrangement will be acceptable to the auditors by reducing the number of bills retroactively approved by the board for payment.

3) Correspondence

A. Carrie Johnson noted that the library staff sent a very nice two-page letter about Anita Marple's leadership of the library (Attached).

4) Public Comment

Carrie Johnson said that three people would be allowed to speak at the meeting for three minutes apiece.

· Wayne Dick of Riverton said law enforcement should remove pornographic books as it is against the law to give pornography to children and that we are predators if we do that.

· Karen Wetzel of Lander asked who initiated the letter on Anita Marple's behalf. She also requested that Anita Marple contact WYLD in regards to removing "Jack of Hearts and Other Parts," which has been culled from the FCLS collection, but is still available digitally.

· Jane Lynn of Lander said she believed in the First Amendment and freedom to read and that she did not want her right to read impinged by others. She said that parents should choose what their child reads and not what her child reads. She said donors paid for the books and that they trust Anita Marple to choose the books.

5) Reports Roundtable

A. Commissioner Update

Mike Jones was unable to attend.

B. Director Reports

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Anita Marple said she has not received any new applications for the open Riverton Branch Manager position. Full director's and manager's reports will be posted on the FCLS website (www.fclsonline.org).

6) Unfinished Business

A. 2nd reading of Library Board Policy and Procedure addition re: Correspondence

Marta Mossburg motioned to add “regarding the Fremont County Library System” to Section 5. General Policy & Procedures bullet point one so that it now reads: “Communication: The Chair should be the liaison between the Board and Management (the Director). Any communication *regarding the Fremont County Library System* by a Board member with County Commissioners or Public Safety should first be discussed with the Board, and Board consensus should be reached prior to that discussion.”

Passed.

B. Internet Use Policy-discussion of new language

Perry Cook motioned that “Adult public computers will have signage indicating adult use only” added to the Privacy and Responsibility section of Internet Use Policy.

Passed.

Marta motioned to remove first sentence of Internet Filtering section regarding The American Library Association.

Vote 2-2. Motion failed.

Kristen McClelland motioned that pending county attorney approval we put new internet use policy out for public comment. Passed.

7) New Business

A. Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials—appeals

Deputy County Attorney Nathan Maxon said that our current policy doesn't have a clear procedure for appeals to the Board. He said that going forward it would be appropriate for the board to implement a process for how this should happen. He asked the Board to look around the country and find a good process for book challenge appeals.

Karen Wetzell of Lander was given 10 minutes to discuss “Tricks” and 10 minutes to discuss “Smoke,” both by Ellen Hopkins.

Anita Marple was given 10 minutes to rebut on each book.

Perry Cook moved to affirm the library director's decision to keep “Smoke” in the Young Adult section. Vote 2-2. Failed.

Perry Cook motioned to have the Board review the book Smoke challenge at the next meeting after all board members had had a chance to read the books. Passed.

Kristen McClelland motioned that we take this month to read “Tricks” and act at the next board meeting. Passed.

Carrie Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March, 6, 2024, 9:30 AM in person at the Dubois Branch Library and via Zoom.