

The November 2, 2022 meeting of the Gregory Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:28pm by President Kathy Kayl. All members were present.

The minutes from the October 5, 2022 meeting were presented and Kristen Jacobsen moved and Joan Bloom seconded they be approved, Kathy motioned with there being no objections.

Tara Engel presented the Financial/Statistical Report for October 2022.

Old Business:

Joan Bloom contacted Carla Warnke and reported to the board the cost of an AED and training on the machine to be roughly around 1300.00 and it was moved by Kristen Jacobsen and seconded by Guyla Husman to use the Haisch designated funds to move forward with this.

Harvest Festival Craft Day only generated 3 patrons and discussion was had on utilizing flyers that go out to the school for any further Children's programming. Tara inquired with Kristen Jacobsen on the best times to drop them off to be sent home in the Children's folders and Monday was decided. Tara will also be putting up flyers in businesses in promotion and Kathy suggested the newspaper as well in the news briefs.

New Business:

A Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Form was submitted by a patron in regards to It Feels Good to be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity by Theresa Thorn. A lengthy discussion was had on the form and book in question and as this was the first time that a challenge had been posed the Board discussed how to handle it for a response and it was suggested that the City Attorney also be made aware to make sure we proceed properly. A decision was made to call a special meeting if necessary once verification came from the City Attorney about a letter from the board being written in response and copies of the Gregory Public Library policies included, also giving the patron an opportunity to set up alerts in our automated system to let staff know certain topics or books that the patron as a responsible party to her minor children can control. In the discussing of the request form Gregory Public Library policies were reviewed on The Library Bill of Rights, our reconsideration policy and our collection development policy. Joan Bloom moved to remove page 26 in the policy book on the Library Bill of Rights and replace it with the updated version from the ALA dated January 29, 2019 that included an additional article number and the Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors.

WhoFi was explained to the board as we have been manually keeping track of patrons using WiFi and Tara has been in contact with the company to set up a tablet for tracking numbers because our IT situation has been a struggle and the new voucher systems are no longer working so it has been harder to track especially if someone is using it after hours.

Shana from the Winner resource Center reached out to Tara to ask about group meetings at the library. Tara let her know that Thursdays probably work best other than on the 3rd Thursday because we are open late on those days. A motion was made by Kristen Jacobsen and seconded by Guyla Husman to only allow access to the meeting room when staff will be present. Motion carried.

Tara is to talk to Alex or Al about part time staff evaluations and if they are reviewed by City Council with any consideration to raise suggestions.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Joan Bloom motioned for the meeting to adjourn; Pat Mattson seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Engel, Secretary