Swisher Community Library

Board of Directors meeting

April 10, 2024

The Swisher Community Library Board of Directors met on April 10, 2024at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

Board Members present were Tera Kringle, Caiti Rowe, Monica Cox, and Ben Winborn. Library Director Laura Hoover.

Minutes:

Minutes from February 7, 2024, meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made to approve them. MSC Cox/Winborn all ayes. Motion passed.

Citizen’s Comments: No Comments

Director’s Report:

Financial Report:

Spending at 63% of Budget, on track for the year ending June 30, 2024

Bills to Pay:

A motion was made to pay the bills as presented. MSC Winborn/Cox all ayes. Motion passed.

Monthly stats:

It was noted that the number of Kanopy Credits is way up this month; we still have sufficient funds in the account. Also discussed was the Wi-fi visits being way down, was it because of the new password on the account. Hoover will discuss this with the IT tech and make a recommendation on lifting the password.

Reports and Announcements:

We have received a grant of $10,000 from the American Library Association to address accessibility issues in the Library Building, in particular the two entrances. However, under the terms of the grant we will have to have some public input sessions with members of the community to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all members of the community when addressing these issues. As required by the grant, the Director has attended four webinars on working with people with disabilities in public spaces. The project will need to be finished by June 30, 2025.

Summer Reading Programs are scheduled.

* Monday afternoons will be Open Craft afternoons, and Tuesday early evenings will be Stem sessions. Kelsey Taylor and Sammy Woltz will be leading both programs.

Summer Reading will kick off on Thursday, June 6 with a Family Summer Safety Fair in front of the Library. The Fire Department, Sheriff, Farm Bureau, Southslope (Internet safety for kids), and DNR (water/boating safety) will be here. We will also be doing Infant Car Seat checks and are working on a group for bike safety.

Our Thursday “Family Fun Night” shows at the American Legion will run from June 13 to July 25 (note there will be no show Thursday, July 4). Swisher Men’s Club, WILOS, Swisher American Legion, and the Women’s Auxiliary have all donated to help cover the cost of performers.

Because to the use of the Meeting Room to show local artists work, I was suggested that a policy for receiving and displaying art works be developed. Hoover will find examples of such policies and draft a new policy for next meeting for discussion.

The New City Clerk is asking that we have all FY24 spending finalized by the first Council Meeting of June 2024.

Director attended the POP/YS Conference in Ames, April 8-9. Among topics discussed were Large Print for Juveniles, Consolidating Teen books with other collections, and Early Literacy.

Director will be on vacation from May 18 to May 28

Other business:

Next meeting will be Wednesday May 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Rowe/Cox, all ayes. Motion passed.