**Lawton Memorial Library Board Meeting**

**Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, July 30, 2024**

\*5:15 p.m. Chair Barbara Melvin called the meeting to order at the Lawton Memorial Library. Roll call was taken with all board members present: Melvin, Gail Muller, Gwendolyn Hatfield, Carol Persons, Donna Niles, Georgia Everson, and Kimberly Walker. Also present was Librarian Lisa Ahler.

\*Verification of meeting posting at the Bank, Post Office, and Village Office on July 25, 2024, was given.

\*Hatfield moved, Everson seconded to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2024, meeting. (Carried).

\*Financial report: Reviewed the report from 1/1/2024 through 7/25/2024. The balance in the operating budget is $42,486.85. Also shared a budget comparison Lisa asked for to see how things were going through 7/15/2024. Budget numbers are running well. The regular savings has $3,177.76, after taking $5,881 from this June 5th to add to the $4,119 CD (making $10,000), to gain a better interest rate (which was board approved). The other 2 CDs are $32,078.31, and $12,000.00. Putting money away in savings was started many years back, as a safeguard to help cover any reductions in revenue. Niles moved, Muller seconded to approve the financial report. (Carried).

\*Director/Statistical Report:

\*\*Lisa had no statistical report for this meeting, and just a short director’s report, as she got hurt yesterday. She said she dropped a table on her foot and went to the ER last evening. Today, most of the day, she was at home, elevating it.

\*\*Dana is back on August 5th. Becky was a life saver!!

\*\*Summer Reading wraps up on Wednesday, July 31st. Go-Macro donated bars.

\*\*The “Get Stamped-Library Passport Challenge” has been popular.

\*\*Lisa showed a slide show presentation on the new website (being remodeled by WRLS hired personnel).

\*\*The Pearl People counter we are getting (through WRLS) is still being worked on.

\*\*The Vernon County Reads program is on August 15th in Westby at the Performing Arts Center.

\*\*Been working on weeding and getting ready for the book sale in August.

\*\*The Go Live date for ILS is September 18th. We are planning on being closed that day. We will be making dummy cards for any new registrations that come in during our down time. These will be updated and completed once we are back up.

\*\*Heath Wallace fixed the water fountain. This was done in mid-June.

\*\*Still have some State Park passes on hand to give out.

\*\*The programs on “Intentional Living at End of Life” had 6 in attendance and “Medicare” had 5.

\*Friends Update: Carol reported both Music in the Park events, and the 4th of July Music in the Park had good sales this year.

\*Business:

\*\*Bob Goonin Palestine/Israel program update: After our last meeting, Lisa emailed him that the board reviewed his letter, but no decision was made as they needed to review the meeting room usage policy. He inquired again on the use of it for a fall presentation. Kim sent the library policies to the board to review. Under 4. (C), Use of the Vernon Memorial Healthcare meeting room, it says the community room shall not be used for: politically partisan/campaign activities. The definition of partisan was looked up. It said a strong adherence to a particular party (usually supports a party). The area is not to be used for that, and it is not up to us to find the other party as we’re not presenting it. Persons moved, Hatfield seconded that because the request doesn’t fall under the guidelines of our community meeting room use, the board declines your request to have this program in our community room. (Carried).

\*Public comments: Carol gave a report on the solar savings for the building. Looking at the figures, $101 was saved on last month’s utility bill. For the year, it’s around $260. The kilowatt usage went from 16,000 in 2018 to 8,000 in 2023.

\*\*Carol mentioned the champion hoop dancer from Arizona, who performed in the Super Bowl, is to be at the Nelson Dewey State Park on August 10th. Maybe use a library State Park pass that day to see this.

\*\*No bill from Aaron Nemec on the Lawton Memorial Library sign yet.

\*The next meeting was scheduled for October 8, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. (Budget time).

\*Hatfield moved, Niles seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer