

## **Glenwood Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

March 5, 2025

The GPL Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by President Wilson at 5:31 PM. Present and attending via Zoom were Kate Wilson, Dave Stickrod, Rachel Rodenburg, Barb Taenzler, Joe George and Tara Painter.

Introduction of Guests: Jen Wilson from the Friends of the Library.

Consent Agenda –Motion to accept and approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Stickrod and second by Wilson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

### Director's Report:

- Painter discussed the issues that have been ongoing with the new printers that included 12 hours on her end over the past week getting them operational. Tech support has been helpful in solving each of the problems.
- Painter noted that the staff day went really well with safety training.
- The cookbook program within Adult Services is becoming more popular with 15-20 people attending each club meeting.
- Val in the Children's Department is revitalizing the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Introduced the Head Start program at East Mills to take it further.

### Committees and Reports:

- Friends Report
  - Jen Wilson elected President.
  - Currently 28 members in Friends group.
  - Membership drive started first of the year via social media but has since slowed down in the month of February.
  - Plan to utilize the farmers market this summer to draw new members and fundraise with donated books sale.
  - Current balance in account is \$2,450.00
  - J. Wilson went over the Request for Funding form for the Library to fill out for funding projects.
  - Painter pointed out that one of their goals to complete soon is an Amazon Wishlist for summer reading to share with the Friends.
  - K. Wilson discussed the new Leadership team within Friends. They are currently at 5 board members but there can be up to 7.
  - Rodenburg asked if the Friends have been able to access the bank account since it has been set up through the Foundation group. K. Wilson and George confirmed that the account is up and running and the Friends have full access with the exception of writing checks – the Foundation only has that authority.

- Foundation Report
  - George said they are planning to meet sometime between March 17-21.
  - Since the fall fundraiser was postponed, they are trying to put something together in May. If the board cannot come up with a date in May, then they might just plan on holding the fundraiser on their normal date and skip the year. Keg Creek is still willing to host the event at their new facility on the square. George said if the fundraising event does not happen in May, they would pay for the Library's request for new blinds out of the reserve funds. Painter noted that they received a \$5,000 donation to go towards whatever the Library needed it for and the blinds are \$6,000.
  - George pointed out that there were two people that are interested in joining the Foundation. He said that they are looking for 2-4 members to join the Board.

#### Old Business:

- Circulation Desk
  - Painter said that the desks are currently being made. Sometime in the next month or two the desks should be ready.

#### New Business:

- K. Wilson wanted to address some of the upcoming Bills in the State and how they would affect the Library.
  - Painter said that one of the bills, if passed, would be for the Library to sequester all of the "spicy" books to a place where children could not access. She noted that a lot of small libraries will not have the space to manage this. Painter said they do not run into this issue at all within the Library with children trying to access "spicy" books and pointed out that most kids will revert to the internet.
  - Painter noted that the other bill of concern is that they would not be allowed to give monies to the Iowa Library Association and the American Library Association because they take part in advocacy. They also do a great deal of training including most of the educational material that our Library staff utilizes.
    - George noted that if this does pass then one workaround would be for the Foundation to become member of ILA or ALA.
    - K. Wilson asked how much it costs to join ILA or ALA. Painter said that it is based on income and with her income the cost to join would be \$100 + \$10 to be a member of the leadership group. Wilson suggested to fund membership for the youth librarian, adult librarian and director. Painter said she would get those costs for those positions to join ILA and ALA and present those to the board next meeting.

- Board Training – Chapter 6: Developing and Adopting Policies
  - Painter said she was working on a meeting room policy to adopt for the Library.
  - Painter wanted to mention they have an intern from UNO's Library and Sciences program. She will be at the next board meeting and city council meetings.

**Questions and Comments:**

- George asked Painter if the City Administrator has reached out to her about the new e-mail. Painter said at the last city council they mentioned that the City's application for .gov had been turned down because Joe George was no longer working for the City. Since then, the new administrator has reapplied for e-mail. Painter noted the e-mail had not been approved since last city council meeting. Painter wants to move forward with taking control of their address because the State Library is on her case. Once the .gov is approved for the City, then she would get rid of the other addresses. George said that if she has domain then the City could host it through their current platform. Painter said that she would mention that to the city so that she can get addresses established this month and running before the May 1 deadline.

**Adjournment**

- There being no further business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by George, second by Rodenburg. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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• Rachel Rodenburg, Secretary

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Kate Wilson, President