Swisher Community Library

Board of Directors meeting

December 5, 2021

The Swisher Community Library Board of Directors met on December 5, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members present were Tera Kringle, Cindy Shelangoski, Caiti Rowe (by Zoom) and Ben Winborn (by Zoom) and Library Director Laura Hoover.  Mary Bryan was absent.

Len Riker was present to record the meeting minutes.

Minutes:

Minutes from the November 2021 meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made to approve them. MSC Shelangoski / Winborn, all ayes. Motion passed.

Citizen’s Comments:

No citizen’s comments.

Director’s Report:

Financial Report:

Currently at 37 % of annual budgeted spending through November and on target to meet annual budget.

Added a line to the financial report to show Kanopy expenses to make it easier to track usage and evaluate merit of continuing service in future years.

Received the $5,000 ARPA Return to Humanities Grant. The budget was updated to show an additional $2,500 on the student salary line, and $2,500 to the advertising line to track usage of the Grant funding.

Bills to Pay:

It was motioned to pay the current bills.  MSC Winborn / Shelangoski, all ayes. Motion passed.

Monthly stats:

The higher door count in November was due to people entering the library for the election.

The stats report has been modified to show lines for the on-line services the library is offering this year. This is to track patron usage of Kanopy, Tumbler, Teen Cloud, etc.

Reports and Announcements:

Two newsletters have gone out by e-mail, and a third will go out shortly.

A wish tree has been set up in the library lobby. primary focus is to support purchases of youth large print books.

Library Director Laura Hoover has been recertified as a Library Director. This is one of the requirements for Accreditation

The library received a $500 donation for purchasing large print adult books.

The library has joined Listen / Initiate / Talk (LIT) with other Johnson County libraries. This group will sponsor a total of three Zoom presentations by young diverse authors. The first presentation has already occurred. The next is scheduled for January 26

In place of the Thursday evening program for children aged 5-12, the library is going to offer a winter game day program on Saturday mornings from January 8th through March 12.

The library will be closed December 24th, 25th, and January 1st.

The Director and the Board thank outgoing board member Mary Bryan for being a founding member of the library and for 12 years of service as a member of the Board of Directors.

Draft Budget for 2022/23:

Discussion of reduced spending on periodical subscriptions reflecting lower usage; reduced spending on DVD purchases reflecting lower usage available on DVD. Plan to shift periodical and DVD spending towards an increase in funding for streaming services in anticipation of patron usage.

Motion to approve a draft budget of $85,068 for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. MSC Rowe / Winborn, all ayes. Motion passed.

Other business:

The Director and the Board thank outgoing board member Mary Bryan for being a founding member of the library and for 12 years of service as a member of the Board of Directors.

There will be no Board meeting in January 2022.

Next meeting will be Sunday February 13, 2022, at 1 PM

Motion to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. MSC Winborn / Rowe, all ayes. Motion passed.