

WILLOWS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MAY 8, 2025

Meeting called to order at 11:00am by Dan Gupton

ROLL CALL: Dan Gupton, Lisa Kennedy, Ardythe Brandon, Kristel Bettencourt, Brian Ramos and Jody Meza – Librarian

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Busby – Willows City Council Liaison, Caitlin Ehorn – Willows Library Staff member

MEETING MINUTES: Motion made by Lisa Kennedy to accept the 4-10-25 meeting minutes. Seconded by Brian Ramos. All ayes, No nays.

OPEN FLOOR TO GENERAL PUBLIC: none

REGULAR BUSINESS/ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

DISCUSSION ITEM: - Library Building/Staff Workroom Repair Update: A contractor still needs to be awarded the bid and they are still waiting on Engineer. The flooring needs to be looked at too and Lisa Kennedy told them about Polytec from Redding, Ca that did her churches. She is taking Jody to look at them after meeting. Lisa will send contact info to Jody also. Lisa also requested that if they are contacted to get a quote for backroom to get one also for the library bathrooms as it is a small area.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Children's Librarian position update: Jody reported that they received 9 to 10 applications. They will review them next week and start interviewing for the part time position.

DISCUSSION ITEM and ACTION ITEMS: After discussion it was agreed on the following:

Motion made by Ardythe Brandon and seconded by Kristel Bettencourt for Rug replacement for children's room not to exceed \$1,000 from the McDole Trust Fund. all ayes, no nays

Motion made by Ardythe Brandon and seconded by Kristel Bettencourt to reupholster 2 antique chairs in the library and have the finish oiled not to exceed \$600 from the McDole Trust Fund. All ayes and no nays.

Motion made by Ardythe Brandon and seconded by Lisa Kennedy to replace the office chair and office stool for the from staffing area not to exceed \$1,000 from the McDole Trust Fund. All ayes and no nays

Computers: They need to be replaced. Matt Busby told Jody to contact the City as all the staff computers were supposed to be updated and maybe a deal could be made at a cheaper cost. Jody said she would look into that.

Jody reported a need for a table for the books too. We will discuss more at next meeting.

Jody was also pleased that the library received \$1,000 from First 5 for craft supplies and activities for the summer.

Jody also is holding off on new books request as she just received word that the State Library will be funding Zip Books again and also the Lunch at the Library program.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Gupton said there is a Veterans Picture that will be needing a home where it will be seen and appreciated. It was agreed that when the time came we could find a place somewhere in library to hang it or bring out for a special display.

Matt Busby and Lorrie Pride are on the Economic Committee for the next 3 years. They are hoping to have more dialog with the schools on how to help kids succeed to learn how to find better paying jobs in the workforce.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for June 12 at 11am.