

Minutes for JANUARY 17, 2023 - FINAL
Library Board Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
Jemez Springs Public Library

Members Present: Hailey Cooper, Heather Gutierrez, Doug Parker, Janet Phillips, Anita Punla and Barbara Stone

Member Absent: None

Presiding: Library Board President Barbara Stone

Friends of the Library Presence: Suzanne Swetnam

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Hailey moved and Heather seconded that the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes be approved.

Action taken: The November 2022 minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Librarian's Report

The written reports provided to Board members are included herein as part of these minutes. Janet noted that the foul odor underneath the building may be the result of moisture under the slab and in an interior wall. Janet is discussing moisture mitigation with maintenance. A presentation sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council is scheduled for February 11th at the Presbyterian Church. The talk focuses on Miguel Trujillo, an indigenous NM civil rights hero. Unlike other library presentations, there is no zoom option for this event.

4. F.O.L. Report

Suzanne submitted the F.O.L. Report and noted its highlights. Again, there has been tremendous public support through membership and donations. The F.O.L. continues to explore ways to bring in additional funding. The F.O.L. is seeking new Board members.

5. Review Existing Strategic Plan

Janet provided the Board with the current Strategic Plan for July 2020 through June 2023. A new Strategic Plan covering July 2023 through June 2026 must be submitted to the State Library in June. Some aspects of the current plan, i.e. the Vision and Mission Statements, may remain the same. The Board will utilize data from the recently submitted Community Assessment, will consider how patrons utilized library services in the last three years, and will consider services that patrons may need in the next three years. Development of the new Plan will be placed on the February agenda.

6. Election of Library Board Officers

Board by-laws specify the month of October for election of officers. Barbara suggested the by-laws be amended to allow for flexibility by not specifying the month for elections. Barbara will provide language for Board review and subsequent review and action by the Village Council at their March 2023 meeting.

7. Comments

There were no public in attendance.

8. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be February 21, 2023 and will held at the Village Conference Room for those who would like to attend in person, but will also be available via zoom and tele-conference.

9. Adjournment

Action taken: The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Punla, Secretary