

Minutes for APRIL 18, 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 March 28, 2023 meeting minutes be approved.

Action taken: The March 2023 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 highlights of the report. The library was used April 14 - 17 as the Emergency Command Office for the flood response teams. Inspection of the roof for moisture damage revealed the need for replacement of roof timbers. The Village is pursuing contracts to accomplish repairs. Several locations have been offered for the storage of artwork during the repairs. The location of scheduled library programs will be adjusted as needed during repairs.

4. F.O.L. Report

Suzanne submitted the F.O.L. April 18th Report and noted highlights of the report and their annual membership meeting. The current F.O.L. officers will remain in their positions; Elaine Sutherland is a new Board member. There is no update on the LANL grant application. Fund-raising efforts continue including a presentation by Debi Peterson of her travels in South America. The F.O.L. has reactivated their car donation program. The deadline for the Fish Raffle is May 9th. Books sales from the Book Barn and on-line are doing well. The F.O.L. membership is growing with new out-of-town members.

5. Strategic Plan Discussion and Approval

The new 2023-2026 Strategic Plan is due to the State Library in June. The Board reviewed the draft Plan as amended per the March 28th Board discussion. Hailey moved and Doug seconded that the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan be approved.

Action taken: The 2023 – 2026 Strategic Plan was unanimously approved.

6. Comments

There were no public in attendance. Hailey provided an update on the Seed Library. She continues to work with local resources as well as the Sandoval County Master Gardeners. She will check with both UNM who is running test gardens as well as the County Extension, including Elaine Sutherland who is familiar with the Extension. Janet noted there are discretionary funds for the seed library. The aspirations are that the library will be ready for the harvesting season with winter vegetables.

Doug thanked Janet for sharing the article on HB 2789 that prohibits Illinois libraries from banning books. Janet noted that libraries are pushing back against censorship, and that the New York Library has banned books for check-out available for all in the United States.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be May 16, 2023 via zoom.

8. Adjournment

Doug moved and Hailey seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Action taken: The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Punla, Secretary