

Smyrna Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

November 29, 2023

Members in Attendance:

President - Tim Manwarren

Treasurer - Cathy Fuller

Vice President - Wendy Slentz, Secretary - Kristy Ingerto, Stacy Davis

Library Director - Anna Schlernitzauer

Guest - Gavin Ingerto

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm on a cold November evening. All members are in attendance. The secretary read the minutes from the August 30, 2023 meeting. No changes needed to be made. Cathy made a motion to accept the minutes and Wendy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

All members of the Board reviewed the checkbook and the money market book. All members signed that they did so.

Cathy handed out our budget review for 2023 and the new numbers for the 2024 budget year.

Checking \$5543.74

Money Market \$41,895.74

Interest \$64.00

The Smyrna Lake Association has a fundraiser every year, and they donate the money to different groups in the area. This year they donated \$440.00 to the Library. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity.

The Town of Smyrna upped the amount of money we receive from them to \$640.00

Our computers will be obsolete in due time. We have put a deposit of \$550.00 for a new computer for the Library Director as hers has been repaired many times and needs a new one before hers dies.

We will decide in 2024 on how many other computers we will need and purchase then. All the computers are from Red Barn which works with Four County Libraries.

A new format will be rolled out in 2024 for the E reading program. The old program had many issues and was not user-friendly. With the new roll-out the fees will be increased. We will revisit this when we receive more information. Our Library has a total of 44 residents using the E reader now. For some of us on the Board this was a very pleasant surprise

We did a recap of the 2023 budget. Our expenses are in check. We also went over the forecasted budget for the year 2024. (See Budget sheets) We have a few expenses for which fees will increase. Overall, we are still in good shape. Our biggest expense for 2024 will be for the new computers. Tim made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Library Director Anna decided to do some cleaning out and she has made bags for

children. These bags have a book for the age of the child receiving the bag, color sheets, book markers and activity sheets. She will be taking them to the local church to give to children who may not have a Christmas. As of now she has 28 for the church. She will post on our Facebook account and in our weekly column to let people know we have a few extra. If interested they can give her a call to reserve one. We also have the theme for the summer reading 2024 program. It is Adventure Begins at your Library. Great one.

We went into executive session at 6:15 pm and returned from the session at 6:45 pm.

Wendy made a motion to accept the decisions in session. Kristie seconded and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. Happy Holidays to everyone.