



## **LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

November 8, 2016

5:30 pm

Library

Members Present: Dwight Morrison, Mary Jo Evans, Bart Hinkle, Santina Addy, and  
Jenessa Ables

Also Present: Mollie Good [Head Librarian]

- I. Call To Order [1732 hours]
- II. Roll Call / Introductions  
Absent: Jenny Benda and Shellie Stubblefield.  
No PWSCC Liaison Appointed.
- III. Approval Of The Minutes
  1. September 13, 2016 – Approved as presented
- IV. Public Business From The Floor  
None
- V. Reports
  1. Library Director  
  
Mollie Good provided a written copy of the most recent Director's Report including statistics and program information.
  2. PWSC Liaison – No PWSC liaison appointed.

Mollie said she has not been contacted by any members of the PWSC Library Committee following the September meeting. Since she is the

longest standing Committee member at this point, she plans on reaching out in an attempt to find a PWSC Liaison.

## VI. Unfinished Business

1. Book Basket Auction Wrap Up – With 225 attendees and \$11,561 raised, the event was a huge success. Mollie asked Board Members if they had any feedback regarding the event or suggestions for the future.

Dwight said it may be a good idea to look into a small speaker system. The music and auctioneering were difficult to hear throughout the Library.

Due to the large crowds, the possibility of changing the venue was brought up by both Mollie, although it was agreed this would change the feeling of the event. Bart said some attendees left early due to the crowds and during the event he learned that many people were attending for the first time. There was a general consensus it would be best to continue hosting the Book Basket Auction in the Library.

Mollie wanted to discuss the idea of making the event for those 21 and older. Many of the book baskets included alcohol and limiting attendance to adults could alleviate space/crowding issues as well as liability issues. Although there were many well behaved youths, there were also a few rowdy children at this year's event. Board Members discussed how this could affect those hoping to have an adult evening of wine and fundraising. The group decided to bring this discussion back at a later meeting after gathering further input.

Jenny said the Gilpatrick's did a good job with food presentation and catering.

## VII. New Business

1. Education & Outreach

Mary Jo presented information from a nationwide reading program called Book Buddies. The program connects children who have difficulty reading with an animal (cat) to read to. The purpose is to encourage reading in a safe environment without the judgment struggling readers often fear. Mary Jo said she approached Rich Long, Valdez Animal Shelter Manager, regarding the possibility of implementing a similar program. Mr. Long presented issues regarding staff time as well as the need to have an adult present with the child and shelter animal, which may defeat the purpose. Mary Jo is going to approach the reading teacher at the School and try speaking with Mr. Long again at a later time.

Bart Hinkle said both issues could be easily solved and thought it very possible to implement this type of a program. He added that these reading visits could facilitate more animal adoptions. Board Members agreed dogs would not be suitable for this program, however, reading to rabbits was considered.

If the idea was unable to gain traction and get off the ground programmatically, Dwight suggested that the Library still encourage children to read to animals.

VIII. Board Business From The Floor –

Jenessa said she will be out of town on the date of the regularly scheduled Library Board meeting in December.

IX. Announcements: Next Meeting - December 13, 2016.

X. Adjournment [1813 hours]