

Dolores Public Library District Board Meeting

August 13, 2024

Call to Order: President Sandy Jumper called the meeting to order at 6:03p

Board Members Present: Correen Becher, Jeanne Becker, Gina Hernandez, Beth Mitchell, and Tamara Woodbury

Board Members Absent: Hassan Hourmanesh

Director: Sean Gantt

Guests: None

Agenda and Minutes:

Sandy asked if there were any corrections or additions to either the agenda or the minutes. None were offered, so she asked for a motion to approve them. Jeanne made a motion to approve the agenda, the Public Hearing minutes, and the June board minutes as presented. Gina seconded, and the motion carried upon a vote.

Correspondence and Communications:

Sean said he had spoken with Adam Frisch, Democratic candidate for Colorado's District 3 Representative, after the Meet and Greet this afternoon. They spoke about issues facing public libraries.

Financials:

1. June: *Expenditures*: Sean commented about the amount spent from the State Grant for large print books to add to the collection. *P&L*: Correen asked if the property tax revenue included the backfill amount from the County. Looking at the two P&L reports, it appears as it was deposited in July. *Balance Sheet*: Sean noted the interest being earned by the Colorado Trust accounts, which has been very positive.
2. July: *Expenditures*: Sean pointed out the \$1,000 spent on library cards, noting that it should be enough to last for many years. Correen asked about the \$300 expenditure for landscaping. Sean explained he had ended the contract with the landscape company, and this was the final payment to them. *P&L*: Sandy asked about the \$55 "Markup" taken from income. Sean wasn't sure what that was but would investigate it. *Balance Sheet*: There were no questions or concerns.
3. Sandy asked for a motion to approve the Financials. Tamara made a motion to approve the June and July payroll, bills, and financial reports. Beth seconded, and the motion carried upon a vote.

Reports

Learning Moments:

Sean included in the board packet a summary and FAQ about **SB24-216** Concerning Standards that Public Libraries are Required to Include in Policies Regarding Library Resources. This legislation addresses people trying to have libraries ban books. The Library will need to make some changes to the Collection Policy and the form patrons need to complete. Sean will present an updated policy and form at the next meeting.

Sean and Sandy feel it would be beneficial if the Board spent the Learning Moments time understanding legislation impacting libraries for the next few months.

Director's Report: Sean began by announcing he has hired a Youth Services employee. Kara joins the Library with an eclectic background making her well-suited for Youth Services. The Summer Reading Program was a success, and Sean presented numbers the staff had compiled. He said the staff really stepped up to make the SRP such a success even though the Library was short-handed. Sean also made note of the purchase of new blackout blinds for the meeting room using some of the TeleHealth grant money, a book club partnership with the Dolores Bike Hostel, and the Town has approved the Inter-Governmental Agreement (the School has yet to do so). Circulation, Contacts, and Programs numbers are stable. Cheyenne and Jillian presented a written summary of the Summer Reading Program.

Finance Committee: Sandy reported the Committee met August 6th. They discussed the Onward! account and plan to ask a representative to visit to discuss how fees are structured, and the variability of interest earned. The Virga Foundation made a sizeable donation to the account. The Colorado Trust accounts continue to perform well.

Strategic Plan Update:

1. Collection: The Library recently purchased a number of large print books to add to the collection using State Grant money. Sean will be updating the Collection policy due to recent legislative changes. Sandy shared a publication the Library received from the Colorado State Library about standards libraries within the state should meet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Programs Update:

Sean gave an oral report on August and September programs which include having both candidates for Colorado's District 3 Representative visit with the community, author talks, two parent support group events, a tween book club, a writing workshop, the bike hostel book group, along with the ongoing programs the Library offers.

Discuss 2024 Legislative Session:

Sean provided a list summarizing legislation signed by the Governor that may impact public libraries. This list is somewhat lengthy, so each Trustee and Sean will take a section or two to review and find legislation that might impact DLD. Each Trustee will summarize the legislation to present at the next meeting.

Adjourn: With no other business before the Board, Sandy adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

PROPOSED TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Review Year-End Estimate
- Internet Accessibility Law Update (Jillian)

Prepared by Correen Becher, Secretary