

## **Minutes for The Harper Library Board Meeting**

November 18, 2024

Location: Harper Library

Present: Tomi Pugh, President; Scot Danner, Vice President; Chuck Leinweber, Director; Ellen Williams, Director Mari Praisewater, Treasurer; Jo Ann Chunn, Secretary;; Denise Mozingo, Library Director

Absent: Sivalee Mauldin, Director

Guests: Jane Canfield, Sandra Leinweber, Linda Lee, Barbara Eastwood

Call to Order: 4:33

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: Linda Lee announced that there would be a meeting tomorrow (9/19/2024) at 6:00 at the community park to discuss the lithium battery facility going in on Tivydale Rd. People will be there at 5:00 to answer questions before the meeting begins.

Ellen Williams mentioned the impact that the facility would have on the water shed, others mentioned the safety issues involved in an emergency evacuation, and the two main concerns were thought to be water and fire issues.

Denise Mozingo mentioned that there has been talk about the local counties sharing a fire marshal to help address these types of issues.

Minutes: Mari Praisewater moved to approve the corrected October minutes; Scot Danner seconded; approved.

Communications: Tomi Pugh reported that she has the letter and a copy of the approved budget for Judge Jones as a requirement for the county to release their annual support for the library. Also, she will send a copy of the approved budget as required for a new contract from the county and state accreditation.

President's Comments: A legacy of \$182,000 has been bequeathed to the library from the estate of Doris Whitworth Kensing with the condition of receiving a copy of the library's bylaws, assurance of not being connected to Gillespie County, and signatures of all board members.

Treasurer's Report: Attached

Resale Shop Report: Attached

Library Director's Report: Attached

New Business:

1. 2025 Budget: Attached. Jane Canfield asked about insurance coverage and was assured that it is in place. Scot Danner moved for approval of the budget; Mari Praisewater seconded; approved.

2. December 16th meeting: All agreed that there will be no board meeting in December.

3. LED Light Project: After noting the great difference that the new LED light bulbs have made, it was agreed that the others should be changed as well.

Old Business

Parking lot re-striping: Scot Danner reported that four parking-stop blocks have been moved with an additional one added. More stops are needed by the library building and flexible parking-delineation poles should be added.

Ellen Williams moved that \$4,000 should be used to finish the parking-lot project; Chuck Leinweber seconded; approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:10

Signed after approval at the next board meeting

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President, Tomi Pugh	Secretary, Jo Ann Chunn	Date

• EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board may go into executive session in accordance with Vernon’s Civil Statute, Article 6252-17 to discuss personnel, property acquisition or meet with their attorney. No final action will be taken while the board is in executive session. The Board will reconvene in open session before adjournment.

**Next meeting is January 20, 2025**