

WILLOWS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING JUNE 12, 2025

Meeting called to order at 11:00am by Dan Gupton

ROLL CALL: Dan Gupton, Lisa Kennedy, Ardythe Brandon, Kristel Bettencourt, Brian Ramos

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Busby – Willows City Council Liaison

MEETING MINUTES: Motion made by Brian Ramos to accept the May 8, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Ardythe Brandon. All ayes, No nays.

OPEN FLOOR TO GENERAL PUBLIC: We had a full room of guests. Open discussion about concerns for the Library and staffing of a new director.

REGULAR BUSINESS/ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

Review of Monthly Statistics and Expenditures: Number look good. Door count up.

Friends of the Library Report: The Friends profited \$80 from their \$3/Bag book sale. They still need more children's books. The Chico Friends of the library has been great donating books to our Friends group. ABC Books in Chico has also been generous. The Friends donated dictionaries to Walden and Murdock Schools. They also gave books to the County Jail and to the thrift store.

Library Director Update on programs and grants: Jody was unable to be here - no report

DISCUSSION ITEM: CHILDREN'S LIBRARY POSITION UPDATE: A children's librarian has been hired. Her name is Angie and she previously worked at the school. She will be working Tues-Friday from 1pm to closing. Storytime will be Wednesdays at 2pm. The Board requested that the Children's library hours be posted online.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Board member Brian Ramos recommends utilizing trust funds for purchase of rug for teen area and story time area and a new laminator. A motion was made by Ardythe Brandon and seconded by Kristel Bettencourt to approve purchases from the McDole Trust. All ayes and no nays.

Action Item note: It was requested by Ardythe Brandon that the statements for the Library Trust Funds be provided at each meeting. The Board agreed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM AND ACTION ITEM: Dan Gupton requests recommendation to City Council that Library Board members be included on Library Director hiring panel: Dan stated that he would like Board member Brian Ramos to be on the hiring panel when the time came to find a new Library Director. He felt that no one knows the workings of the library better than a Board member. The city council members that were there said they would look into it and see what the hiring process was.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS : The Board would like to take Jody Meza to lunch at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48am.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for August 14 at 11am.