

**Library Board of Trustee
Meeting Minutes**

DATE: May 3, 2022
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE: White Pine County Library
Ely, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER

Library Trustee Bruce Eldridge called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the County Library.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Shadrach Robertson, Sandra Robertson, Bruce Eldridge, Kathy Brumley, Cyndi Sanborn and Director Lori Romero. Also present were Greg Rivero and Shelby Lindquist with Commnet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY: Update on Fiber Connection for County Library

Greg Rivero and Shelby Lindquist from Commnet were present to introduce themselves and give an update on the project. Commnet has been negotiating with Mt. Wheeler Power to use their power poles to run fiber on and the poles are currently being tested. Construction plans are currently being reviewed and should be approved in 2 to 3 weeks. The project starts at the school district and runs to city hall. Shelby Lindquist stated there has been conversation with AT & T, as a second solution, but they stated they don't have service to the library address. AT & T did run fiber to the library IT closet but it isn't connected to anything. She added Ely is a high priority to Commnet and the company wants to showcase the Ely project when completed.

Shadrach Robertson inquired if the agreement was in place with Mt. Wheeler Power to use their power poles. Greg Rivero confirmed the agreement is in place and the poles are being tested to see if any need to be replaced for the project.

Bruce Eldridge inquired if once the downtown road construction project was completed would the fiber switch from the poles to underground. Greg Rivero stated the fiber would switch to underground and that is already in place to coordinate with the street project.

Shelby Lindquist stated we are in the tunnel but there is the light at the end! Bi-weekly meetings will continue with Lori

Romero to keep everyone informed.

Minutes of March 16, 2022 were approved. Kathy Brumley made the motion to approve the minutes. Cyndi Sanborn seconded the motion. All approved.

DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Monthly Statistics

March and April statistics were presented.

B. Budget FY 2021-2022

Lori Romero presented the monthly revenue and budget spreadsheets. A grant activity report was given.

C. Budget FY 2022-2023

Lori Romero stated she met with the Finance Director and County Manager to discuss the library budget at the end of February. The tentative County budget has been submitted to the state and the final budget is due sometime in May. The tentative budget is usually accepted as the final budget unless there is a negative turn in revenues.

D. Update on Summer Reading Program "Ocean of Possibilities"

Handouts on the summer reading program were made available. Scratch tickets will be used this year with various prizes given weekly as incentives to read and attend story hour. Robinson Nevada Mining Company is sponsoring the summer program with a donation of \$2835. Shelby Lindquist with Commnet inquired if prizes could be donated to the program. Lori Romero stated prizes are always welcome.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Accept ARP Plus (American Rescue Plan Plus) Application in the Amount of \$18,600 to Replace Library Furniture. There is no match.

Lori Romero explained this is COVID funding and the grant is to replace all the fabric chairs with vinyl or wood chairs for sanitation or health reasons. The furniture has been ordered and will arrive in September. Saundra Robertson made the motion to accept the ARP Plus grant in the amount of \$18,600 to replace library furniture and there is no match. Cyndi Sanborn seconded the motion. All approved.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of Application for 2021 LSTA ARP Digital Collection Development in the Amount of \$3600. There is no match.

Lori Romero stated this is funding to purchase e-resources such

as e-books, e-magazines etc. Shadrach made the motion to approve the application for the 2021 LSTA ARP Digital Collection Development in the amount of \$3600 and there is no match. Kathy Brumley seconded the motion. All approved.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Accept 2021 LSTA ARP Digital Collection Development Grant in the Amount of \$3600. There is no match.

Cyndi Sanborn made the motion to accept the 2021 LSTA ARP Digital Collection Development grant in the amount of \$3600 and there is no match. Saundra Robertson seconded the motion. All approved.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Accept Equipment and Technology from Ely Film, Art and Music Festival for Residents to Checkout for Creating a Film, Art and Music

Shadrach Robertson explained the project and stated the school district wasn't interested in providing this kind of equipment to students. He stated classes would be held to teach the students how to use the equipment. Cyndi Sanborn inquired if the students would be checking out the equipment and what if it was returned. Shadrach Robertson responded they would checkout the equipment to make their film and there would probably have to be some kind of waiver. Lori Romero stated the District Attorney's office would have to approve waivers etc. Shelby Lindquist added a one page reference guide on how to use the equipment could be placed with the equipment. Bruce Eldridge inquired if the Ely Film Festival had an office and 501 3(c) status. Shadrach Robertson confirmed there is 501 3© status and they have kind of an office at the Chamber of Commerce. He added Kinross wants partnering with the library for this project.

Bruce Eldridge explained the library has current programs that are flourishing and due to broad age groups along with skills need to be refined. He stated concerns about adding new equipment and software for the library staff to have to learn when they are already stretched. Shadrach Robertson stated the equipment would give students the opportunity to participate in the film festival that don't have access to the equipment now. Kathy Brumley inquired about how many students participated. Shadrach Robertson replied about 30 students. Cyndi Sanborn stated it would be great to see the equipment available for the students but the board needs to get approval from the District Attorney's office. It was the consensus to table this item until the June meeting. Lori Romero was instructed to contact

the District Attorney's office regarding the possibility of checking out the equipment to students for film making.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Vouchers were signed and approved in the amount of \$8,947.52 for March 16 - May 3 2022. Sandra Robertson made the motion. Cyndi Sanborn seconded the motion. All approved.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consider Changing Meeting Day to the First Tuesday of the Month

Kathy Brumley made the motion to change the meeting day to the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. Shadrach Robertson seconded the motion. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bruce Eldridge read a thank you note from Luke Uhalde for the chrome book he won at the Poetry Contest.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. Kathy Brumley made the motion. Sandra Robertson seconded the motion. All approved.

The next meeting is June 7, 2022.