



MINUTES
RIDGWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
Ridgway Public Library
300 Charles Street

Zoom option:

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Roll Call: Trustees: Julie Duff, Julie Herrmann, Heather Patterson, Sally Trapp, Director: Amy Baer

Approval of Prior Minutes: from June 13, 2024 meeting and from Special Meeting on August 29, 2024. Sally Trapp moved to approve, Julie Herrmann seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Thursday October 10, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss future dates/times at the next meeting when all are present.

Public Comments: No comments.

Friends of the Library Update: No official report received however, the book sales during the Ridgway Rendezvous totaled \$516

Highlighted Topic: Seed Saving class on Saturday September 28th at 10:00.

There is great interest from the community thus far, only three open seats remain.

Literary Living Room with Jamie LaRue on Thursday October 10th at 7:00.

Amy has worked with the Sherbino to provide a flyer for distribution. Staff has placed the event on the library website, Instagram and Facebook.

Action and Discussion Items:

1. Interview any potential candidates – Local resident Jared Coburn submitted a letter of interest prior to the posted deadline, board members interviewed Jared during the meeting. Sally Trapp made a motion to extend the offer for Jared Coburn to become a new Board Trustee, Julie Duff seconded the motion. All approved.
2. Engaging legal counsel – Discussion was held regarding consulting legal counsel and possibly engaging in a retainer for the upcoming year. Julie Duff moved to contact Roger Sagal about retainer, engagement. Julie Herrmann seconded the motion. All approved.
3. Roof update – Sally will work with Amy and legal counsel to draft the language for the bid process.
4. Staff Appreciation – Discussion was held about conducting a staff appreciation week. Ideas varied from providing lunch for various days to a place where community members can write comments/praise for staff. Sally to work with Amy for a plan. The week of 9/30-10/4 was proposed.

Treasurers Report - Julie Duff

Introduce 2025 Budget – Treasurer Julie Duff reviewed the current budget and preliminary ideas for the 2025 budget. The official budget hearing will be held at the October Board Meeting and has been published in The Plaindealer.

Director's Report - Amy Baer

- Maintenance Update:
 - CFL to LED light project is complete. Working with SMPA on possible rebate on light bulbs through Tri-State.
 - Landscaping maintenance went well all summer.

- Summer Highlights and Statistics
 - Shared Summer reading numbers
 - Highlighted seed packets (includes 180 wildflower packets from the state)
 - Mahjong learning class in July and now hosting on Tuesday afternoons
 - Reviewed stats overall and discussed courier service.
- Streamline updates: The Library is compliant with the state, however the federal government put additional laws in place. Adobe Acrobat was purchased to put documents through compliance review. Staff is kindly working on reviewing documents already on the site and as new documents get added they will make sure they meet ADA standards.
- Upcoming Art Shows:
 - Next art show reception is Saturday September 14th from 4:00-7:00. It is called Mountain Magic and features 6 artists.
 - Ouray Community Art Show in November is being organized by a local artist Laura Mah.
- Community Outreach: the school is hosting a speaker next week on Tuesday September 17th. The library donated 5 books called 'The anxious generation' by Jonathan Haidt for giveaways as the speaker will be discussing and talking about that book during her presentation. It's currently on the non-fiction best seller list.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Julie Duff moved to adjourn, Heather Patterson seconded the motion. All approved, meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

The Board reserves the right to add or delete items of business and to change the order of business as needed. The Board welcomes public participation in the meetings. If specific accommodations are needed, please contact the Director, Amy Baer, (970)-626-5252 or email abaer@ridgwaycolibrary.org at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.