



AGENDA
RIDGWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
Ridgway Public Library
300 Charles Street

Roll Call: Trustees: Julie Duff, Alison Etheridge, Julie Herrmann (Zoom), Dee Moore, Heather Patterson (Zoom), Sally Trapp (Zoom), Library Director: Amy Baer, and Friends of the Library – Jill Hepp

Absent: Jared Coburn

Approval of Prior Minutes: from October 10, 2024 meeting, Sally Trapp made motion to approve, seconded by Julie Duff

Next Meeting: December 12, 2024, 10:30 am

Public Comments: None

Friends of the Library Update: Jill Hepp read a thank you note for helping with Jamie LaRue talk at Sherbino, over 40 people attended. After her intro to Friends that evening she had someone reach out interested in the secretary position. Still in need of a vice president. Ready to kick off the annual appeal letter and asked for several volunteers to help with getting letters in mail. Next Wednesday letters will be mailed.

Highlighted Topic: **Ridgway Independent Film Festival November 14-17. The library is providing book giveaways during some of the films. Also books highlighting films are on display at the library.**

Action and Discussion Items:

1. Update on legal counsel – Roger Segal is reviewing our policies.
2. Board Member terms – Both Sally and Dee’s terms expire at the end of 2024. Both are willing to serve a new 3-year term. Jared’s term expires at the end of 2024 and Sally will check with him on continuing with a 3-year term. Allison, Heather and Julie Duff’s terms continue to the end of 2025; Julie Herrmann’s term ends in 2026.

Treasurers Report - Julie Duff

- Budget update – Julie handed out a new copy of the 2025 Budget. She expects another \$10,000 in 2024 from property tax money. Discussion followed on why we will be returning some of that money to the county.

Director’s Report - Amy Baer

- Statistics: On track to maintain patron count of over 55,000 patrons and more patron cards have been made than last year. Homework club continues to be a success. Kids, parents and teachers all appreciate it. Seed packets continue to move along and have officially surpassed 2023 numbers. Art Show was successful with 33 artists participating and reception was well attended with 176 people.
- Community Outreach: Library is working with RIFF; purchased books for giveaways during the film. Display at the library for the event happening Nov. 14th - Nov 17th.
- Working with Ouray County Cares and Ouray County Food Pantry so the community can purchase items for those in need. OCC will be dropping angels off on Friday or early next week. We have a food donation box for OCFP and patrons can also pick up a sock ornament and purchase men’s and women’s socks.

- Continue supporting teachers with gathering and sharing books from our collection.
- Have SMPA Dolly Parton Imagination Library information at the library.
- Voyager has reached out to attend craft times on Wednesdays. Communication with numbers has been good.
- Planning to give more donated books to Peace Jam group for Indian Reservation Schools.

Future Agenda Items - Contact Sally for Amy's annual review form. We will look at goal setting for the January meeting.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn, 1:50 pm, by Sally Trap, seconded by Julie Duff.