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Robbee Tonubbee

Robbee Tonnubbee, Library Director

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DONALD W. REYNOLDS CC & LIBRARY BOARD
June 15, 2022 AT 3:00 PM, Roscoe J. Hatfield
Council Chambers,
300 West Evergreen,
Durant, Oklahoma**

CALL TO ORDER

Bradley Gernand called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Bradley Gernand, Carolyn Mabry, Marion Hill, and Mike Morris

Robbee Tonubbee, Library Director, and Jennifer Simpkins, Library Board secretary, also attended the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Consent

a. Consider Approval of Regular Called Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2022

Mike Morris made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2022, meeting. Marion Hill seconded the motion. All members agreed, and the motion was passed.

2. Information Items

a. Library Monthly Reports - March, April, May 2022

Robbee Tonubbee, Library Director, shared a library report:

- I. Robbee found out yesterday (June 14, 2022) that the Friends of the Library (FOL) are approved to be the non-profit affiliate for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Bryan County. This program mails a free age-appropriate book each month to children who are signed up with the program. The FOL held a special-called meeting on May 24, 2022, to discuss becoming an affiliate. Autumn Williams, a local CPA, joined the FOL and will sponsor half the cost of the

program for the first five years, and the state of Oklahoma will fund the other half with remaining ARPA funds. She specializes in nonprofits, and she wants to see the entire county served by the program. Families can sign up their qualifying children through the signup link on the affiliate page, and the page will also have a donate button. Children from birth to five years old who reside in Bryan County can be signed up for the program. Katelynn Hester and Robbee Tonubbee will manage the database for the program. A kickoff event for the program will be scheduled in July. If children are signed up at the kickoff event, they will receive their first book that day.

- II. The Summer Reading Program started on June 7. Attendance has been good so far, with between 80 and 100 kids attending last Tuesday. Attendance is also good for the Very Hungry Reader, which is the library's program to feed kids on Tuesday and Thursdays during the summer reading program. A commercial food warmer previously purchased by the FOL has been very useful for the tray meals being served to kids this summer. Members of the FOL have been helping with signing in children for the summer reading program and serving food. Library activity has also been up because of the summer reading program with a large number of books checked out and returned.
- III. Mulch has been laid on the library grounds. Alvin Patterson, the library's janitor and groundskeeper, will take over landscaping duties after the new fiscal year begins in July.
- IV. Robbee Tonubbee and Angie Mullen attended the recent open house at the new senior center.
- V. Engineering for the reading park is almost complete.
- VI. A water bottle refilling station has been installed next to the library's water fountain.
- VII. The current fiscal year will end on June 30, 2022.

3. New Business

Carolyn Mabry shared a report from the Friends of the Library (FOL):

- I. Carolyn began by asking if kids from the summer reading program have been eating at the food program. Robbee said yes, and other kids who are not signed up for the summer reading program have also been coming to eat. This year tray meals are being served instead of the sandwiches that were offered in previous years.
- II. Carolyn affirmed that members of the FOL are helping with the summer reading program again this year.
- III. FOL members who volunteered to work at the quilt show that was held at the library in April enjoyed the experience.
- IV. The next big event for the FOL will be the annual book sale. It will be held on Thursday, October 6; Friday, October 7; and Saturday, October 8, 2022.

Other New Business:

- I. Carolyn Mabry expressed her thanks for the "Library" sign being replaced on Arkansas Street.
- II. Carolyn also shared that she had called the Choctaw recycling facility to ask about more frequent pickups of the library's recycling bins. The recommendation

must have been passed on because the recycling bins are being picked up more frequently than before.

- III. Robbee shared that another shipment of books will need to be sent to Thrift Books soon because payments from them for previous books are starting to dwindle.

ADJOURNMENT

Marion Hill made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Mabry seconded the motion. All members agreed, and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.