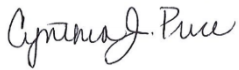


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Cynthia J. Price, City of Durant

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DONALD W. REYNOLDS CC & LIBRARY BOARD
March 19, 2025 AT 3:00 PM, Roscoe J. Hatfield
Council Chambers
300 West Evergreen
Durant, Oklahoma**

CALL TO ORDER

Gloria Hodge called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Gloria Hodge, Jane Hicks, Kaylee Curry, Marion Hill, and Phyllis Rustin

Melissa Brewer was excused. Lauran Fuller was absent.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Consent Items

To help streamline meetings and allow the focus to be on other items requiring strategic thought, the "Consent Items" portion of the agenda groups the routine, procedural, and self-explanatory non-controversial items together. These items are voted on in a single motion (one vote). However, any Council member requesting further information on a specific item thus removes it from the "Consent Items" section for individual attention and separate vote.

a. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2024

Board members reviewed the minutes from the September 11, 2024, library board meeting. Marion Hill made the motion to accept the meeting minutes, and Phyllis Rustin seconded the motion. All members agreed, and the motion was passed.

b. Consider Approval of 2025 Meeting Schedule

Marion Hill made the motion to approve the 2025 library board meeting schedule, and

Kaylee Curry seconded the motion. All members agreed, and the motion was passed.

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

3. Information Items

a. Monthly Reports

Board members reviewed the monthly library reports provided by Robbee Tonubbee.

Gloria Hodge asked about how the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program is faring with the recent DOGE cuts to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which affects grants and state aid for libraries, among other things. The Imagination Library is funded by previously committed money for now, and by donations from the community, including an angel donor. However, prices have been rising each year due to rising postage costs. The monthly cost for shipping books for all the children enrolled in the program is now up to about \$1500 per month.

Board members also discussed the abundance of blood drives being hosted at the library in recent months.

4. Administration

Robbee Tonubbee presented a library report:

- I. Hannah Barnett left the library in mid-February. Robbee has taken over her tax season duties, which include checking people in and answering some questions.
- II. Spring Break activities are happening this week. Robbee has been popping lots of popcorn and selling cafe items.
- III. Bailey Woods will be filling the community center manager position. She previously worked at the Antlers library before accepting this position. She will start work next week and will work a Tuesday through Saturday schedule.
- IV. The Makerspace is up and running in the former quiet reading room. It is divided into two sections, The Forge and Sew You Think You Can Craft. The Forge incorporates 3D and resin printers and gaming sessions for kids and teens. Sew You Think You Can Craft will have different sewing and crafting machines available where people can book sessions to use the machines on their own or with a knowledgeable volunteer to assist.
- V. Lulu and Hazel Quilt Shop will have a craft day for kids on Saturday, March 22, for Spring Break.
- VI. Phyllis Rustin asked about VA assistance. There is an Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs representative who meets with people by appointment at the Choctaw Nation Headquarters.
- VII. Kaylee Curry asked about the Summer Reading Program. The program will start on the first Tuesday in June.
- VIII. April is Financial Literacy Month. The library has literacy-themed board games that Jami Ellis will be playing with the kids in the after-school program and in homeschool groups.
- IX. Jami has changed the after-school program to a board game club. Attendance

has increased as a result.

ADJOURNMENT

Marion Hill made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jane Hicks seconded the motion. All members agreed, and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.