

WOODRUFF MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
Monday – March 10, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

HOLT, Sara – Chairperson
MEIER, Michael – Vice Chairperson
WORLEY, Julie - Secretary
SMALLING, Terry

ONE BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nickolas Burdick – Applicant for Vacant Board Seat
Michael Hart – La Junta City Manager
Holly Huerta-Hudak – Applicant for Vacant Board Seat
Heather Maes – Library Director

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chairperson Holt. We welcomed guests Nickolas Burdick, Michael Hart, and Holly Huerta-Hudak, and introductions were made.

Mr. Burdick, City Manager Hart, and Mrs. Huerta-Hudak were present during the meeting, and enjoyed lunch following the meeting.

- Minutes of the February 10, 2025 Meeting were approved as submitted by Motion by Michael Meier and second by Terry Smalling.
- The annual AARP Tax-Aide began their 11th year of free tax help – having already assisted 280 people thus far. They will continue appointments through April 15, 2025.
- A collaborative agreement has been made with the Pueblo City/County Library regarding the Mellon Grant the Pueblo Library received. Woodruff Memorial Library will now be a partner with the Pueblo Library in creating memory labs that will be used to digitally archive the history of sixteen (16) counties in Southern Colorado.
- The position of Circulation Coordinator has become vacant, and Heather has interviewed for the position, and Christine Rios has been hired for the position. There is now a part-time Patron Service Tech position open at the Library.
- The city-wide CIRSA inspection was conducted on February 26, 2025, and there were no issues noted with the Library. Good job to the Woodruff Memorial Library staff!
- The free monthly movie days have had limited attendance the past few months, but there was increased attendance at the February movie. Hopefully, attendance will continue to increase in order that the partnership with the Fox Theater can continue.
- The “Fieldprint” generated \$6.00 in February for the Library – eight (8) appointments.
- The Library’s participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program had eleven (11) new kids enrolled in February, 2025. There are currently 465 young kids enrolled in the program, and there have been 241 youngsters graduate since July, 2022.

With the vacant position on the Library Advisory Board, there were two (2) individuals present at the meeting indicating an interest in the position. The Board members then interviewed Nickolas

Burdick and Holly Huerta-Hudak for the position. A decision will be made through an email vote among the Board members. The new Board position will be filled by the April, 2025 meeting.

Lunch was enjoyed by all and the meeting adjourned with no further business to be conducted.

The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be held on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Julie Worley, Secretary

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