

WOODRUFF MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday 5/19/25

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

BURDICK, Nickolas

HOLT, Sara – Chairperson

HUERTA-HUDAK, Holly

RIKHOF, Maureen – City Council Representative

SMALLING, Terry – Vice Chairperson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Heather Maes – Library Director

Called to order at 12:03

Minutes of the April 10, 2025 meeting were approved as read.

Director's report, busy month, Friends book sale 1600+\$ in sales.

Community baby shower by CDS. 105 community members engaged and given info.

Bright beginnings bags are no longer being distributed through the hospital other outlets are being sought. Possible connection with WIC program to find young families. Targeting babies in their first year.

Director Maes meeting with Southeastern Colorado Community Council in conjunction with Colorado Access to Justice Commission to get info about filing legal gaps. Zoom meeting on the 5th presented by innovation 4 justice.

Final month for school programs this academic year. Student from Otero College & Anne Boswell were guest readers at Story Time.

Big month for field print.

11 new kids in Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Gearing up for Summer Reading Program. Kick off June 2nd 10am to 12pm there will be free hot dogs and other activities. Color Our World is the theme. Program is open to birth to adult. Decor is already hung. Cooking, music, woodcraft, many arts encouraged

Budget walk through

Actuals less than budgeted values, estimating conservatively so nothing goes over. 2023 discrepancies, Capitol Outlay was not done that year so funds returned to general fund.

Staff is missing, but there is not funding for the full-time position, but a part time position does have funding, but city council has recommended it not be filled. Council representative is not sure it was official council vote, trying to find clarity. Part of funds may be allocated for compressor repair for hvac. Maybe in a couple years we'll have funds to get that position back. Fiscal year matches calendar. Couple volunteers have joined but they aren't a solution to replace paid positions. Backflow was being tested and a handle broke, one inch backflow was selected to replace 1 1/4" should not impact outside watering.

Property management is done in house or by contract. Janitor staff handles much of it. Big projects can be bid, like painting.

Every second Monday of the month, Valley Wide, health checks. Don't need to register or be a member. Free bus in parking lot.

Outreach for future holidays like early settlers, leaning on friends of the library org.

Library Advisory Board training Friday August 1st 930 to 1230. About our roles as library advisory board. Used to have a board of trustees, but in dec 1994 became a department of the city of la junta and the board became advisory. Chelsea with CliC, Colorado Library Consortium will provide the training.

Adjourned at 12:40

Nickolas Burdick – acting secretary