

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12TH, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Jerome Public Library met via Zoom for their monthly meeting on April 14, 2020. In attendance were Chair Linda Burton, Vice Chair Trevor Churchman, Sarah Sandridge, Deyanira Escalona and Director Linda Mecham. Guest Chase Rogers was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Burton at 5:09 p.m.

Approval of minutes – Trevor Churchman made a motion to approve the April 14, 2020 minutes and the May 1, 2020 minutes as written. Deyanira Escalona seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation – Chase Rogers gave a Power Point presentation to the board giving suggestions as to how we could best reach and engage the young adults in our area. Among the suggestions was to include library events in the morning announcements, create posters to hang around the school listing activities. He further suggested creating a survey to give to the high school and middle school TAGs. He also suggested that the library host some competitions and to offer prizes that would appeal to the teens like Xbox cards, movie cards, and certificates to laser tag. This information will be very useful to the staff.

Financial Report –We are 58% into the fiscal year, and we have received \$242,404.00 in revenue, which is 53.1 percent of what we anticipate. Because of the closure, the library did not generate any revenue. This may impact the overall budget and is worth watching as the fiscal year progresses. We are within a comfortable range of expenditures for this time of year. We have spent 51.3% of the amount budgeted.

April 2020 bills were viewed by all board members present. Linda Burton made a motion to approve the April 2020 bills. Sarah Sandridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report:

- The circulation statistics were presented. Circulation and program statistics continue to be low as we are not open to the public. Video checkouts are the most obvious decrease as these are usually checked out through browsing.
- We are still offering curbside service and online storytimes in Spanish and English. We are counting video views and will be able to report this to the state in the annual report. We have not been given approval from the city to reopen at this time.

Unfinished Business

- The minor changes to the bylaws have been made. The board received a copy of the bylaws via email prior to the meeting. Linda Burton made a motion to approve the bylaws as written. Trevor Churchman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
- Following the presentation, the board discussed how input from Chase Rogers would benefit the library. Trevor Churchman made a motion to recommend Chase Rogers to the mayor as the new library board member. Sarah Sandridge seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- The library board reviewed library fees for non-residents. The board discussed that they did not want to charge senior citizens for a library card even though surrounding libraries only offer senior cards at a reduced rate. They discussed how this would be a good time, following the pandemic, to lower the rural fee. We want patrons to return to the library and to make it as

accessible as possible. Further, the board thought it was important that we not charge more than the Twin Falls library. Trevor made a motion to reduce the rural fee from \$45/year to \$40/year. Linda Burton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm.