

Minutes: October 26, 2023 – Zoom

Attendance: Board members: Melissa Bohnet, Sarah Wilkinson, Sarah Hulse, Kimberly Adams, and Amy Perchick, with Stephanie Ralph.

Call to Order: at 5:06 p.m. by Sarah Wilkinson

Consent Agenda:

September minutes: Kimberly motioned to approve, Melissa second – motion passed unanimously.

October Agenda: Amy motioned to approve, Kimberly second - motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends Report (Stephanie):

- Looking at creating a budget for next year and have asked the Library to put together some requests
- Next book sale will be in December at the Frisco Community and Senior Center
- A challenge is that there are a large quantity of books and needing a storage unit that is smaller than the previous barn location.
- There is a social this month and the next meeting is in January at the North Branch.

Foundation Report (Stephanie):

- There is \$688,000 and they are still writing grants.
- They will need to send a check to the county, but need to consider any ongoing expenses and other expenses before writing the check.
- Considering a party and/or donor wall for donors.
- They are beginning to work on Colorado Gives day.
- They are looking at what projects are in the future

Director's Report (Steph)

- North Branch Library: pushing opening back to early December 2023.
- Will start with a soft opening in December then look at a grand opening at a later date, after the holiday season.
- Inspections have started and the outside is still under construction then once the COO is received, they will begin moving the books and setting it up.
- See attached Director's report.
- The library is losing 2 staff members.
- Full scope of activities and programming which include more book clubs

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly update to 2024 Strategic Planning – Community Conversations

- We have OTTER which records the audio of the conversations which then downloads it in text and identifies the individual speakers.
- Interviews have started and the 1st few indicate a loss of community so it will be interesting to see how the Library can be a hub to make this county their place.
- Sarah W asked what the timeline is – Stephanie responded that it is flexible at this time; however, we are looking at ending interviews at the end of spring. Then a review of the data during the summer.

CALCON Conference (Kim)

- It was a good conference. There was a trustee track, and it was packed.
- The most popular presentation was from a law firm, and they covered the culture wars and the 1st amendment in relation to current library events in Colorado. Such as: book banning, location of materials, 1st amendment audit by citizens,
- How can a trustee advocate legally?
- The nuts and bolts of Library policy – need to review policies within a 3-year cycle and they need to include equity and inclusion.

OTHER MATTERS:

- Next meeting November 30, 5:00 p.m. (VIRTUAL)
- December Canceled
- First meeting of 2024, January 25, 5:00 p.m. (VIRTUAL)
- February meeting in person at the North Branch library

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm . Amy motioned to adjourn, Kim 2nd