

W. G. Rhea Public Library Board Meeting

November 19, 2024

4:00 p.m.

A. Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Cindy Snyder at 4:00 p.m.

B. Roll call by Secretary, Lisa K Fitzsimmons

Kathy Collins	✓	Susan Jones	AB
Jackie Mann	✓	Missy Hamilton	✓
Cindy Snyder	✓	Sam Tharpe	✓
Stacy Hayes	✓	Dennis Melhouse	✓
Lisa K Fitzsimmons	✓	FOL Rep Bill Perkins	✓
Troy Barrow	✓	ORRL Jenny Gillihan	✓
Kelly Derr	✓	I.T. Stephanie Hart	✓

C. Communication/Community Comments:

D. Consent Agenda

Minutes and Financial Report

Correction to add Rhea in New Business to read W.G. Rhea Library. Treasurer report filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Custom Report September 1 – October 31, 2024

Amount available as of 09/01/2024		\$94,462.46
Revenue		\$69,287.32
Expenses		<u>\$65,511.29</u>
Net Revenue	10/31/2024	\$ 98,238.49

Program & Service Fund Custom Report September 1 – October 31, 2024

Amount available as of 09/01/2024		\$178,401.71
Revenue		\$ 3,292.87
Expenses		<u>\$ 2,275.31</u>
Net Revenue	10/31/2024	<u>\$179,419.27</u>

Balance 10/31/2024 in Checking \$3,110.36; High Yield \$176,308.91;
(Bequests Kirk Ford \$18,723.00 and Helener Kane Currier Trust \$158,824.30)

E. Old Business:

Kathy presented and explained the comprehensive Technology Long Range Plan packet along with a breakdown of all tech items in the library and items to be purchased. She acknowledged the W.G. Rhea Library is currently in compliance with all state technology standards for Level IV, as well as meeting most standards for Level V libraries.

F. New Business:

I.T. Coordinator, Stephanie Hart, discussed the 2024-25 Technology Grant. The library was awarded \$2,612.00 matching technology grant. With the grant money, she explained they are looking to purchase a large format printer the public and library can use for printing large items like banners and posters. Stephanie also updated the board on other technology items they are planning on purchasing.

Kathy and Stephanie presented the new "Tech Goes Home" partnership with the Henry County Mayor's Office. The program would be funded with a federal grant and teach older students how to use a Chromebook and upon completion of classes would receive a free Chromebook. Classes will begin in January for age 60 and above.

Kathy presented the dates of library closures for All Staff Day and Holiday Closures.

G. Committee Reports: Policy Committee Reports/updates/reviews

H. Director's Report:

Kathy presented a handout with all the October and November training opportunities the library staff were able to attend. She highlighted the September Library Card Sign-up Month with 189 new patrons. She announced the library was awarded a BPU Round Up Grant for \$4000 to be used for programming. Kathy discussed all the upcoming programs slated for November. She presented a handout of a new \$6082.24 Agati Vista Bench to be placed in the YA room that was made possible by an anonymous donation of \$7500.

I. Friends of the Library Report:

Bill Perkins gave an update on the October FOL Book Sale. The FOL raised \$2747.50.

J. Regional Director's Report:

Jenny Gillihan updated the board on the standards that are being targeted throughout this fiscal year for all the libraries in the region: Disaster Plan and TEL Training. She discussed the ordering season funds and deadlines for ordering books and materials and the LSTA grant. Jenny shared the amount of electronic circulation for our library to be 43% last year. Lastly, she provided upcoming dates for training and workshops.

K. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM

Next meeting date January 21st, 2025, at 4PM

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa K. Fitzsimmons