



**CITY OF DENISON
DENISON PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Announce the presence of a quorum.

Chair Todd Gruhn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present were Jennifer Hardy, Juliet West, Rhonda McClure, Gayle Powell, and Todd Gruhn.

Staff present were Greg Mitchell, Director of Library, and Haley Powers, Administrative Assistant-Library.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Request to Speak Cards were received by this point in the meeting. Therefore, no public comments were received.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take action on approving the Minutes from the meeting held on August 22nd, 2023.

Board Action

On motion by Board Member West, seconded by Board Member Powell, the Library Advisory Board approved the August 22nd, 2023, meeting minutes as written.

- B. Receive a presentation from First United Bank and hold a discussion regarding banking options.

Board Action

Todd Tidwell from First United Bank discussed the benefits of having First United Bank as the advisor for the Library Endowment. He provided his background and current duties and goals. He discussed in detail the process and procedures of advising a trust fund. Members of the board discussed the information he provided.

- C. Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Library news and events.

Board Action

Greg Mitchell advised Library Advisory Board of library news and events. Greg recapped the last three months of programs at the library. We have high but appropriate volume of children at

the library. The story walks have great turn outs and the have been vandalized less. The TAG (teen advisory group) is active and volunteered at monster trail. There was 300 people at Monster Trail. The Junior Master gardeners completed a raised bed garden at the library courtyard. A few patrons are meeting once a month for the Eisenhower book club, the topic has been World War 2. The library had a booth at the Fall Fest. Vinyl Flooring was installed, and air conditioning repairs were made at the library. Currently soliciting bids for building repairs. Read to win goes to public schools and daycares and completes 37000 readings a year. The library has received some artwork and is looking for a way to display it.

- D. Receive a report and hold a discussion on the need for two new board members.

Board Action

Board Member McClure stated the requirements for a Library Advisory Board Member. Greg Mitchell said the application was online. The requirements are that the board member lives in Denison and is not a city employee.


4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



TODD GRUHN, Library Board Chair

ATTEST:



Haley Powers, Administrative Assistant-Library