**FLORA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Maralee Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2024.

**PRESENT:** Maralee Johnson, Jon Akers, Joe Gilliland, Robbin Dickey, Doug Mack, Joe McCoy, and Director Angela Garrett, as well as Assistant Director, Tina McCormack. Absent: Karen Briscoe, Kari Warren, Rebecca Stocke

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Joe Gilliland to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Joe McCoy. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

**-Review of financial reports and bank statements.**

A motion to accept the treasurer’s report, as presented, was made by Doug Mack and seconded by Robbin Dickey. The motion passed unanimously.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** As you are probably aware, the library closed on Saturday, September 21 during the Ford Town car show. The Thursday before the city put in a temporary bank of electrical boxes on the side of City Hall. It seemed to us that they planned to use the parking lot for something that weekend. I called Maralee and apprised her of the situation. She said she would talk to Mr. Stanford about it on Friday morning. On doing so she discovered that the entire parking lot was to be blocked off and used for the chili cook-off and other things. The porta-potties would be in the staff parking spot. She thought it best if we closed. We may want to check with the tourism people about their plans for Christmas.

The library’s operating account overdrew again. The city didn’t get us our monthly check until September 27. We were low at the time of the last board meeting so I didn’t send out all bills at that time. We overdrew after the next pay period. I emailed the treasurer and Maralee asked Mike Stanford about it when she talked to him.

This month is Feed the Furry time. From October 1-31 we will be collecting items for the Fur a Good Paws Shelter.

We are once again participating in the IHLS Library Crawl during the month of October. Those taking part can pick up a passport listing this year’s library participants. Each library they visit will give them a stamp. Any of our patrons who visit 5 other libraries can turn their passports in to be in a drawing for a gift card.

The Friends autumn Book Sale was on Saturday, October 5. In spite of starting out with a shortage of books to sell, they made over $760. If you get a chance, please remember to thank the Friends for all their hard work. A special thanks goes to Dr. and Mrs. Marley and Peggy James.

Please remember that next month’s meeting will be a week later than usual due to Veteran’s Day falling on a Monday. We will meet again on November 18 at 7 pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** A motion was made by Joe Gilliland, and seconded by Jon Akers to approve payment of the bills. The motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (when needed):** None

**UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS OPEN:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting concluded at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Tina McCormack for Karen Briscoe (absent) 10/31/2024