

Gering Public Library

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The Gering Public Library Board will meet on Tuesday, July 18th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Gering Library Community Room.

AGENDA

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Public Comments (Board reserves the right to limit the length of time a citizen may speak)
- 3) Approval of minutes as written
- 4) Reading and approval of statistical & financial reports
- 5) Approval of the bills
- 6) Library Director's report
- 7) Unfinished business
- 8) New business
- 9) Closed session (Board reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary)

MINUTES OF THE June 20th, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Present:

Board Members: Jeff Kelley, Brad Gross, Mary Robinson, Lexi Tallmon

Library Director: Christie Clarke

City Council Liaison: Rebecca Shields

Gering Public Library Foundation Liaison: Jay Skiles

Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Clarke introduced Jay Skiles as the Gering Public Library Foundation Board Liaison and stated that he would be joining the group each month for the library board meeting to give Foundation updates and to report back to the Foundation about the Library Board's meeting as well. Next, board members reviewed the June 2023 board meeting minutes. Kelley asked for a motion to approve. Robinson moved to approve the minutes and Tallmon seconded it. The vote was called. "Ayes": Tallmon, Kelley, Gross, Robinson. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore. The vote passed unanimously. Next, the board reviewed June stats and expenditures. Gross motioned to approve expenditures and financial reports and Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was called. "Ayes": Tallmon, Kelley, Robinson, Gross. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore. The vote passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

1. Clarke showed the board the accreditation certificate that they earned which is good through April 11, 2026.

2. Clarke reported on the summer reading kick-off event that it was very successful with 329 people in the park that day, 198 youth sign ups and 50 adult sign ups at the event. Final numbers will be reported at the July board meeting. Clarke thanked the board members and their families who attended to include city council liaison Rebecca Shields and Foundation Board member Jay Skiles who was a volunteer.
3. Clarke communicated that Lincoln Elementary is in the lead for the Summer Reading Challenge. The summer reading program is going well and the sign-ups are up to 285.
4. Clarke noted that Sherry Preston's first Wine 101 program held at the Emporium Express had 44 attendees which was more than the venue could hold. Because of its popularity the Emporium Express wants to add one extra session per program to accommodate the number of people who are interested in participating.
5. Clarke announced that Preston is expanding her ALL program to include a monthly session at Northfield Retirement Community in the evening. This will accommodate ALL participants who work during the day.
6. Clarke reported that due to the limited ADA access to downstairs, Preston would like to hold the monthly Food for Thought book discussion next door in the city council chambers.
7. Clarke noted that she will be out of office from June 21st through the 28th due to a family emergency.
8. Clarke stated that the new public computers should be ready to use by the end of the week and that Intralinks will begin installing wiring, cables, and erecting the new security cameras next.
9. Clarke reported that she is scheduled for the library department budget meeting on June 29th with the city administrator and finance director.
10. Clarke communicated that there had been some problems with certain patron's behavior recently. She outlined the behaviors and the highlighted how staff is addressing these issues using the current policies in place.
11. Clarke described the Foundation's Décor Drive as the next step in the library refresh. It is designed to acquire new furniture for the adult space in the library.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

-Clarke asked the board for permission to close the library on August 1, 2023 until 3:00 p.m. so that staff can attend the annual Western Library System meeting and training. This training is called *Trailblazing New Frontiers* and will be held in Bayard, NE at Bobbi Jo's Branding Iron. The featured speaker will be Loren Pospicil of the Chimney Rock National Historic Site and Visitors Center and will provide any staff member who is seeking NE public librarian certification 1 CE credit towards that goal. Also, Chimney Rock Historic Site will be open and free to all workshop participants. A second workshop called *Books, Books, Books: You Have Weeded Now What?* will follow and be presented by GPL's own Sherry Preston in conjunction with the Hemingford Public Library. This workshop will also provide 1 CE credit as well. Robinson motioned for a vote and Tallmon seconded it. The vote was called "Ayes": Tallmon, Robinson, Gross, Kelley. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore. The vote passed unanimously.

Kelley adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Christie Clarke
Library Director