

## Artesia Public Library

Board of Trustees

August 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Vice-President Danny Parker. Members present were Donna Todd, Deborah Younggren, Rae Aaron, Jess Holmes, Beth Walker, Sandy Schuetz, new member Linda Barnett, adult services librarian Jo Nickerson-Harper, and head librarian Valerie Martin.

The secretary's report was approved as presented. (Donna / Jess)

Friends of the Library report – Deborah Younggren

Debbie stated there was no meeting in July and the next meeting will be Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 1 pm. The book sale is still on for August 26-28.

Librarian's Report – Jo Nickerson-Harper

For full details, please refer to the handouts. Agenda items Jo also covered are included under old and new business.

### Old Business

*Libraries as Launchpads adjustments:* Jo attended a Zoom Meeting with Creative Startups representative Ginny Sterpka on July 29. It's a national meeting with librarians that have participated in the Launchpad program called Launchpad Libraries and are interested in supporting entrepreneurship at their libraries and will be on the 4th Thursday of the month.

*Computer and Internet Use Policy revisions* will have to be resent to the acting city attorney because of health issues he had around the time the policy was originally sent.

*The north Children's door alarm* still needs an exit sign.

### New Business

*Newest board member,* Linda Barnett, was introduced. Linda has served on the board on several previous occasions and is the president of FOTL.

*New head librarian,* Valerie Martin, comes to us from Sturgis, South Dakota, where she'd served as assistant head librarian for seven years.

#### *Officer elections:*

President Danny Parker (Jess / Deb) By acclamation.

Vice-President Jess Holmes (Donna / Beth) By acclamation.

Secretary Sandy Schuetz (Deb / Beth) By acclamation.

#### *Grant extension – ALA Facilitating Conversations*

*New services: Niche Academy* will create classes for librarians to become business librarians. Zoom meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. This will dramatically increase circulation of eResources without major new staff/time investments. It will also avoid the cost of continual website updates to keep eResources current and relevant. More information about this is in the handouts.

*Learning Lounge* will begin September 2 in the Conference Room on Tuesdays from 4:30-6pm and Thursdays from 9:30-11 am. It will help people with job applications, computer help, and help with online classes at no cost to the patron. 10-12 laptops are available. More information about this is also in the handouts.

*Partnership with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:* This will bring back the genealogy program and will meet bimonthly. The LDS was trained in the use of FamilySearch.org.

*Upcoming Fall programs as they stand now:* These are outlined in the handouts.

*Future meetings:* These will move to the old time of 5:15 pm to help those who work to get to the meetings more easily. Meetings will also move back to the Southwest Room. Until further notice meetings will continue to be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. This will probably change so that we may have a city council liaison attend. Stay tuned for updates!

Next meeting is currently scheduled for September 14 at 5:15 pm in the Southwest Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Schuetz, Secretary