

Artesia Public Library
Board of Trustees
July 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the Conference Room at 4:30 pm by Board President Dave Grousnik. Other members present were Danny Parker, Jess Holmes, Donna Todd, Beth Walker, Deborah Younggren, Sandy Schuetz, and acting head librarian Jo Nickerson-Harper.

The secretary's report was approved as presented. (Danny / Debbie)

Friends of the Library Report

Debbie talked about the upcoming book sale to be held August 26-28 in conjunction with Red Dirt / Black Gold festivities. Jo explained that several of the books offered in the sale were a result of "weeding" the stacks. Books in this category are determined by condition, current accuracy of information, how often they are checked out. Some will be replaced.

Librarian's Report

Jo presented the summer reading statistics. For full information, check her handout attached to these minutes.

Old Business

The Library still needs to hire at least a part-time librarian. This all depends on the Gross Receipts Tax. The only new library board position needing filled is by Linda Barnett.

Terms are:

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Rae Aaron 2 nd	Sandy Schuetz 2 nd	Linda Barnett 1 st
Donna Todd 2 nd	Debbie Younggren 2 nd	Danny Parker 2 nd
Jess Holmes 2 nd	Jessica Arenivas 2 nd	Beth Walker 1 st

New Business

The Gross Receipts Tax is the major basis of the city budget. Due to Covid, this income has been substantially reduced. Furthermore, the state has changed how the GRT is disbursed. The new "destination-sourced" method of disbursement will significantly affect the city's budgeting and the library's budget.

The north library door is being brought up to code and will once again serve as an emergency exit.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.

The next meeting will be August 10, 2021 at 4:30 pm in the conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Schuetz
Secretary Pro-Tem