

Artesia Public Library Board of Trustees

January 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Danny Parker at 5:15 pm in the meeting room of the library. Others present were Deborah Younggren, Rae Aaron, Jess Holmes, Beth Walker, Sandy Schuetz, library supervisor Valerie Martin, and City Council Liaison Summer Valverde.

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

Friends of the Library Report – Deborah

December was a busy month with book clubs, story time, front desk help, writing thank you notes, decorating and prep work for Holiday Shindig and Noon Year's Eve events, Yarn United, Meet the Author book reading, building a book tree for lobby, help with Holiday Shindig and Noon Year's Eve for a total of 71.5 volunteer hours.

Librarian's Report – Valerie

Year End Totals: Circulation Statistics 22,353 Reserve Statistics 2,617

January Special Programs Highlighted:

- Family Nailed It! Competition where you have 30 minutes to make treats on January 13
- Annual Teen Nerf Wars with Artesia Police Department on January 14
- Meet the Author: Linda Powers Ray – book reading and signing – sponsored and hosted by the Artesia Arts Council

Future Programs Highlighted

- Learning Lounge grant to begin February
- Children's Performer Jim Gill on March 19 – sound system furnished by AHS auditorium manager
- Family Science Night in April
- ComicCon in May
- Summer Reading Program in June / July
- Libraries Transforming Communities grant award (\$3000) to help gather ideas on building up our collection for small business ventures and have seminars to help people with starting their own small businesses.

Old Business

Discussion resumed from the December meeting on inappropriate books. A "Challenge" system is already in place. Danny suggested a pamphlet to be made available, possibly titled

“Have a Question About a Book?” and present facts on a challenge or suggestions for books to be added to the shelves.

New Business

Valerie met with the Chamber of Commerce and the PY Foundation to discuss funding at the Greater Artesia Foundation and discuss potential library projects. She had prepared a handout with possible projects. When asked, she stated that her #1 priority would be to update all of the library technology every five years. Current technology is 8 years old and needs to be replaced or updated. Credit Card readers are out of date and can't be used in some instances. Summer weighed in on the city's responsibility in this area and stated that the budget will be reviewed mid-year and decisions will be made at that time.

Potential Library Projects to be funded by existing funds of GAF (listed in no particular order of preference)

- Outdoor LED Screen
- Indoor Library Signage
- AWE Platinum All-in-One Learning Stations
- Apple iPads
- Galaxy Tablets
- Replacement Laptops for our Study Rooms
- Mango Languages
- Book Digitization Equipment for our Southwest Collection
- Ongoing Replacement Plan for Our Library Technology

Monies are currently available through the Artesia Library Foundation (\$102,349.89) and Friends of the Library (\$15,000).

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Next regular meeting February 1, 2022 at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Schuetz, Secretary