

Van Alstyne Public Library

Board Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Van Alstyne Public Library

Board Members:

Present: Emily Kendrick, Diane Windsor, Dusty Williams; Ashley Ramon, Sarah Macias,

Not Present: Angelica Peña, Michelle Rodgers

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present:

Library Director: Judy Kimzey

Proceedings:

Call to order: 5:29 p.m.

Business:

1. Approval of meeting minutes: MOTION to approve May 2022 minutes. S. Macias, Second, D. Williams ALL IN FAVOR.
2. Review and Approve Board Member Applications

Tiffany Chartier has resigned – her term was unfinished.

Board Member position will be posted by the end of next week. We currently have one application to review.

Sarah Macias and Angelica Peña both submitted applications to reapply for their Board positions. Their applications, plus one additional application, were reviewed and ranked in the following order:

Angelica Peña - 1
Sarah Macias - 2
Whitney Holmes -3

Motion to rank as formentioned MOTION to approve ranking, D. Windsor, Second, D. Williams.
ALL IN FAVOR

3. Raising Community Awareness

The Library and Library Board would like to continue with our efforts to raise community awareness when it comes to services and programs provided by the Library. We'd like to focus on a partnership with the Van Alstyne ISD and the City of Van Alstyne. It would be good to make this a priority for the new year.

Some suggestions include the following:

- For Halloween, the Library will host a movie during the Trick or Treat event hosted by the City. We will also conduct the Haunted History Tour.

- We can partner with the city on more things. Kandi Hessel is the Event Coordinator, which is a fairly new position for the City.
- The Library is considering forming sub-committees to assist with this effort. Possibly one or two liaisons for the ISD, Event Coordinator, City Council, etc.
- Which Library Board members have contacts within the schools and/or school board. Possibly Michelle and Angelica would be good candidates for this. Angelica also has Wee School connections.
- For a School Board contact, we can ask Mayor Atchison.

Our goal of having a relationship with the ISD is for it to be mutually beneficial. For example, we once had a Library-sponsored art contest, spanning four school districts. The Library also hosted poetry readings with the English department. We also want to provide Library resources to teachers and kids in the ISD.

Some additional ideas could include:

- A/V students could create marketing videos for the Library.
- We could conduct a story contest and publish the stories in an anthology.

4. Librarian's report: Items of note:

- This summer was the Library's largest Summer Reading Incentive Program to date. We are very close to the Sherman Library's numbers.
- Door count second highest of the year. Circulation down just a bit. New patron record was broken.
- The Library will participate in Meet the Teacher nights at local elementary schools.
- Budget Presentation to the City Council.
- Our forecasted grant budget was exceeded.
- Gabrielle is offering very creative ideas for the Library.

Closing comments:

- Diane started a conversation regarding Banned Books. The Library will have a display in September.
- The next Friends of the Library meeting will be a social get-together. August 23, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:41 pm MOTION to adjourn. S. Macias. Second, D. Williams ALL IN FAVOR.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by
Secretary, Diane Windsor*