

# Van Alstyne Public Library

Board Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.  
Van Alstyne Public Library  
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## **Board Members:**

Present: Diane Windsor, Whitney Holmes, Angelica Peña, Michelle Rodgers, Sarah Macias, Dusty Williams

Not Present: Emily Burk

*Quorum present? Yes*

## **Others Present:**

Assistant Library Director: Alisha Crump and Library Director: Judy Kimzey

## **Proceedings:**

*Call to order: 5:33 p.m.*

Business:

1. Approval of meeting minutes: MOTION to approve February 2023 minutes. W. Holmes, Second, D. Williams ALL IN FAVOR.
2. Patron Services Library Policy

The Board spent time reviewing a section of the Library Policy regarding Patron Services, and rules regarding behavior in the Library.

One issue that was raised, is that patrons need more electrical outlets to charge their devices. We need to come up with a solution to provide charging stations.

A question that came up regarding updating the policy was regarding use of the restrooms. We will ask the City Attorney if we need to follow a particular policy re: restrooms, or can we create our own.

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.

Three subcommittees:

- a. ISD/School Outreach
  - i. Michelle Rodgers
  - ii. Emily Burk

Whitney has greatly helped by providing the Library with ISD connections.

The goal is to provide Van Alstyne ISD with a complete list of Library Services, Programs, Materials, and Digital Resources. Each resource that is available can be shared with educators, so they can share it with students and students' families.

Keep running with the 100 Step Challenge.

ESL involvement with Tori Decker. This is still ongoing.

- b. City Council/Governing Body
  - i. Sarah Macias
  - ii. Angelica Peña
  - iii. Dusty Williams

No new events.

- c. Events; City and Otherwise
  - i. Whitney Holmes
  - ii. Diane Windsor

Van Alstyne 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Because of Covid, the Library missed our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. This celebration will now occur in the fall. The Historical Society would like to celebrate the city's 150<sup>th</sup> in May. The Library would like to participate in both celebrations.

The celebration in May will include activities for children, and then later in the day a BBQ and live music for adults/families. The tentative date for this celebration is May 20.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) are opening a chapter in Van Alstyne.

4. Librarian's report: Items of note:

- a. Door count increased by 12%
- b. Circulation decreased a bit.
- c. Resuming Jammie Brigade on March 22.
- d. Women's History Month – Display.
- e. An author visit and workshop is taking place on March 18. This is possible because of a program through Texas Writes, that pays for authors to visit libraries in rural Texas.
- f. Read Across America Week.
- g. Black History Month display is still up.
- h. Friends of the Library budget is approved - \$13,550
- i. Board can send a card and/or flowers to Ellie Whiteside.
- j. FOTL book sale will be last week of April.
- k. Expanding Library hours. A couple more part-time positions have been approved and filled. New hours starting on March 13.

Closing comments:

None.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:54 pm MOTION to adjourn. A. Pena. Second, S. Macias ALL IN FAVOR.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Secretary, Diane Windsor*