



**RIDGWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.  
Ridgway Public Library  
300 Charles Street**

**Minutes**

**Roll Call:** Trustees: Julie Duff, Alison Etheridge, Julie Herrmann, Dee Moore, Heather Patterson, Sally Trapp, Jenny Williams, Library Director: Amy Baer

**Approval of Prior Minutes:** Jenny Williams made motion to approve March 14, 2024 minutes; seconded by Allison Etheridge. Minutes approved.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday June 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

**Public Comments:** None

**Friends of the Library Update:** Julie Herrmann reported on the April 18 meeting. They are looking for ways to recruit new members. Julie will write what Friends do, send to Amy who will then forward to Board members. Planning Fun Fest on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-1:00 and will host a future author event in collaboration with Library.

**Highlighted Topic:** Two upcoming events on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>: Wild about Flowers (already filled) hosted by Mary Menz from 10:00-11:30am and Women Art Show Reception from 4:00-7:00pm

**Action and Discussion Items:**

1. Positive discussion and feedback on training with Sharon and Kiernan. Suggestion made to set up 10-minute shorts at every other board meeting beginning with Open Meeting Law. No one has been able to access online training with Colorado Library Association. Amy will follow up with CLA. Amy will also confirm at meeting next week in GJ that our library policies relating to banned books are sufficient as written.
2. Book talk with Jamie LaRue on October 10 at Sherbino. Amy gave a copy of his book to all Board members. She will talk to him next week at meeting about logistics when he is here.
3. Survey results and discussion – Alison gave a wonderful power point presentation on the survey results, 141 responses. Sentiment towards the library and staff was overwhelmingly positive. There is opportunity to better promotion of Library programs and services. Participants are interested in adult programming. Common themes throughout the responses were friendly and helpful staff, book selection great, digital resources appreciated and library is a comfortable safe space. Allison and Jenny will write up report to share with staff as well as post on social media. The Board would like to show appreciation to staff for the wonderful work everyone does. Amy will think about how this can be done.

**Treasurers Report** - Julie Duff reported we are building up our reserves, received additional \$5,000 from Woods plus additional \$10,000 from Friends and receiving higher interest in our savings account.

**Director's Report - Amy Baer**

- Maintenance Update – Summer lawn care began May 1. Due to phone/alarm line communication issues, the alarm company now hosts their own cellular line which is now going smoothly. We are no longer able to fax for patrons. Working with tree service on issues with cottonwood tree, aspen grove and southwest corner of property. Suggestions were made by the tree service for other pruning. Tentative scheduled date is Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on roof replacement to be done in September. Another quote is needed as current quote had a large increase since quoted last fall.
- Statistics & Adult Bingo – 73 sign-ups with positive experience from both patrons and staff.
- Staff Update – Hired Caitlin VanBuskirk as new children's librarian. She is bilingual and has reintroduced a bilingual story time and helping build the adult Spanish collection.
- Community & Library Outreach – Amy will be attending library directors' meetings next week in Grand Junction. Caitlin and Betsy restarted Instagram account. Amy worked with Peace Jam and donated used children's books to Ute Elementary School. Ely and Amy went to the Career & Volunteer Fair at RSS on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Children's summer reading programs will run June 6<sup>th</sup> – July 18. Coordinating with Voyager who will bring about 24 children each week. Children's summer reading challenges for all children begins June 3<sup>rd</sup> with Bingo Challenge available on website. Teens will also continue having scratch tickets during their check out visits through the summer.

**Future Agenda Items - None**

**Adjournment – 2:45 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Moore, Secretary**