

March 15, 2025 Chrisman Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Melody Gross, Rose Hollingsworth, Rick Jenness, Lori Mallory, Sarah Mills, Dan Moore, and Jamie Stokes

Absent: Sherrie Lewis, Barb Oates & Dana Pluger

Staff Present: Cheri Oates and Kara Ingram

Public Present: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

A meeting was called to order by President, Melody Gross at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call for attendance. Seven board members were present and three were absent.

The Minutes from the February 13, 2025 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jamie, seconded by Sarah. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the regular meeting minutes from February 13, 2025. The motion carried.

Bookkeeper’s Report for February 2025:

Checking/General	\$ 3,714.49
Fundraising	<u>\$11,287.03</u>
TOTAL	\$15,001.52
Tech Grant	\$ 3,120.38
Story Walk	\$ 3,874.41

A motion to accept the Bookkeeper’s Report for February was made by Dan, seconded by Sarah. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the February Bookkeeper’s Report. The motion carried.

Librarian’s Report:

- Statistics for February 2025: New items cataloged 36, items we loaned our patrons 304, items we loaned other libraries 233, internet user sessions 5, electronic books 18 & patrons inside the library 285.
- Welcome to our new Library Board Trustees! And Happy Birthday, Jamie! We are thrilled to have such a great group!
- Since our last meeting, we’ve had two Story Times. On February 20, we did a Dr. Seuss related story-time! Miss Kara read “Daisy-Head Mayzie”, written by Dr. Seuss and “Put Me in the Zoo” written by Robert Lopshire. We only had 8 children and they made the yellow cat-like animal using paper plates, tissue paper, googly eyes and pom poms. Then they were given popsicle stick puzzles with a Dr. Seuss character involved. The kids had a fun time and even said the puzzles were hard! The latest story-time was March 6 and Miss Kara read about “The Luckiest Leprechaun” written by Justine Korman and “Llama Llama and the Lucky Pajamas” written by Anna Dewdney! We had 19 kiddos, with 3 being a little too small to participate in the craft! The children listened intently to the stories and trooped into the back to create a paper plate rainbow and pot of gold at the end to help

celebrate St. Patrick's Day! The kiddos always leave Story Time with their creations, treat and drink and are happy!

- The Great Puzzle Race was held February 27 with 15 people/6 teams and it was once again a lively bunch. This month the team of Lori & Rob Mallory and Lori's sister, Beth, won with a time of 38:28! The new tables helped a lot so it clearly was a wise buy. We're looking forward to the next puzzle race on March 27!
- On March 5, we hosted the Chrisman Page Turners with 15 members and friends attending to discuss the book "In the Unlikely Event", written by Rebecca Yarros. The book club is growing and the discussion is wonderful! Our next meeting will be on April 2 and we'll be discussing "Remarkably Bright Creatures", written by Shelby Van Pelt and "hosted" by Kara.
- The Story Walk has its third book in it for St. Patrick's Day and it will get changed out for another book.
- Last month we discussed and voted on appropriating funds toward the annual fee for the Association of Rural & Small Libraries. After more research, we've found that we DO NOT have to be a member of any association to apply for grants that we are interested in or might be in the future. Therefore, we haven't sent in the \$70 but wish to have that amount available in the event we need to apply.
- We have been approached by Conxxus for a change in our internet and phone service. We currently have Comcast/Xfinity and our contract with Comcast/Xfinity runs out in August 2025. We pay \$169.90 plus tax right now. We haven't had any issues with Comcast. Conxxus is saying that their proposed services and term would be 48 months for \$113.00 a month for all 6 computers and our one phone line. A copy of their proposal is attached.
- Spring Fling has been set to be held on Saturday, May 3, rain or shine. Flowers on Main will provide hanging baskets of flowers and we were told they would probably be the same price - \$25 and \$30 for each. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

● **Library Income for February:**

Feed the Pig:	\$ 1.37
Copies:	\$ 15.25
Library cards	\$ 54.00
Sales	\$ 10.00
Reimbursement for Terminex	\$ 405.00
Donations	\$ 65.00
TOTAL	\$ 550.62

Deposits for December:

General	\$ 524.00
TOTAL	\$ 524.00

Rose motioned to accept the Librarian's Report. Jamie seconded. All present board members voted "yes" to accept the Librarian's Report. The motion carried.

New Business:

- * Insurance was tabled until the next meeting so we can hear from Jerry Hoult before deciding.
- *The Finance Committee is: Barb Oates - Treasurer, Kara Ingram - Bookkeeper and Rose Hollingsworth.
- *The Spring Book Sale will be outside this year on the sidewalk weather permitting.

Melody motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Lori. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.
All present board members voted “yes” to adjourning the meeting. The motion carried.