

## **April 10, 2025 Chrisman Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

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

**Absent:** Sherrie Lewis

**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. Nine board members were present and one was absent.

The Minutes from the March 15, 2025 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jamie, seconded by Barb. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the regular meeting minutes from March 15, 2025. The motion carried.

### **Bookkeeper’s Report for March 2025:**

Checking/General	\$ 1,172.02
Fundraising	<u>\$11,187.03</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$12,359.05
Tech Grant	\$ 3,120.38
Story Walk	\$ 3,874.41

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

### **Librarian’s Report:**

- Statistics for March 2025: New items cataloged 170, items we loaned our patrons 361, items we loaned other libraries 246, internet user sessions 10, electronic books 31 & patrons inside the library 402.
- Since our last meeting, we’ve had two Story Times. On March 20, we did a spring related story-time! We only had 2 children and they made spring flowers against a “fence”. Then on April 3, we had 15 children and they, too, made spring flowers (totally different from the previous craft). The kids all had a fun time and left with their craft, treat and drink.
- The Great Puzzle Race was held March 27 with 20 people/5 teams and it was once again a lively bunch. This month the team of Wanda Tingley, Rachel Cronk, Joy Stewart and Vicki Riggan won with a time of 27.50! We’re looking forward to the next puzzle race on April 24!
- On April 9, the Chrisman Page Turners met with 12 members attending to discuss the book “Remarkably Bright Creatures”, written by Shelby Van Pelt. Kara “hosted” this event and had wonderful questions. Outstanding book! Our next meeting will be on May 7 and we’ll be discussing “The Murder of Roger Ackroyd”, written by Agatha Christie and will be “hosted” by Barb.

- The Story Walk has its fourth book in it - “Otis”, written by Loren Long. We will change it out for Mother’s Day.
- Spring Fling Hanging Basket Sale has been set to be held on Saturday, May 3, rain or shine beginning at 8am - noon.
- Spring Fling Book Sale, if we agreed to do it, has been set to be during Friday, May 2, Library hours, outside, weather permitting, or inside if raining. It will also be held on Saturday from 8am - noon.

<b><u>Library Income for February:</u></b>		<b><u>Deposits for February:</u></b>	
Feed the Pig:	\$ 6.00	General	\$ 115.00
Copies:	\$ 18.60		
Library cards	\$ 27.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 115.00
Fines	\$ 4.00		
Faxes	\$ 0.50		
Donations	\$ 75.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 131.10</b>		

Dan motioned to accept the Librarian’s Report. Sarah seconded. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the Librarian’s Report. The motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

\* The Librarians are still considered city employees per documents found by Cheri. The City will make a decision after the start of the new fiscal year which is May 1<sup>st</sup> as how to proceed further. The librarians received notice today about comp time. Since they only work part-time, they can not get comp time. Must be full-time.

\*The Librarians can only work 999 hours per year before they have to start paying into IMRF. Currently the library is open 1050 hours a year. We will need to figure out how to fix the difference. Right now the Librarians work 20 hours/week. We could look at: overlapping hours, cutting library hours, as well as getting them some sort of “comp time”.

\*The Finance Committee will meet Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> to try and figure out the budget.

\*Would like to reinstate the late fees. Too many patrons are abusing the “Feed the Pig”. Last year we lost \$1600 by not having late fees. Barb made the motion to reinstate the late fees and increase to \$ .25/day starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. Melody seconded. All present board members voted “yes” to reinstating the late fees and increasing to \$ .25/day. The motion carried.

Melody motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Dan. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. All present board members voted “yes” to adjourning the meeting. The motion carried.