

**Salida Regional Library**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
September 26, 2023

The regular meeting of the Salida Regional Library Board of Trustees was held via a hybrid format of GoToMeeting (virtual format) and in-person attendance at the library. Matt Burkley, Cheryl Pearce-Trujillo, Susan Ragan, Connie DeLuca, and Susan Matthews attended in person. Matt Burkley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and Cheryl Pearce-Trujillo recorded the minutes.

Minutes

Motion by Connie DeLuca to approve the August 29, 2023, Regular BOT minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report

After a review of the financial reports for August 2023, Susan Ragan made a motion to approve and file the report for the auditor. Motion carried.

Deposit Detail, Payment of Bills, CD Worksheet, Capital One Statement, & Payroll Report

The trustees reviewed the 8/01/2023 through 8/31/2023 bills per the attached lists and Connie DeLuca made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Officer's Report

None

Director's Report

Susan reported that:

- She is working on another Salida Community Read with Steamplant. The two choices are Robert Justice's " They Can't Take Your Name, and Kali Fajardo-Anstine, Woman of Light. The culminating event will include the author presenting in June 2024.
- SRL received a State Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) grant of \$1100.00 to purchase an OWL camera for the Tolkien room. This will allow a 360-degree view of meeting participants. We can add this to the Library of Things if it is not in high demand.
- A group of volunteers has been working on redesigning our garden. She showed plans the group has developed.

- Alison Ramsey is coming back to SRL as our bookkeeper after leaving Dark Horse Accounting.
- SRL will have Crest Academy Interns every Thursday for 8 weeks which will allow them to learn more about the library.
- Montessori and Crest Academy classes are coming through this week & next.
- She and Matt Burkley met with patron who had lost privileges, in a reinstatement meeting. Patron agreed to the terms of reinstatement and was given library privileges based on the agreed terms.
- Fall programs are in full swing and she gave the trustees a sheet of activities and events that are being offered.
- On September 17, 2023, Ben Goldfarb, the author of the book Crossings, gave a presentation to a standing-room-only crowd in the Tolkien Room.
- over 300 people attended the Star Gazing Event at the 51:10 Ranch This was a collaborative effort between Salida Regional Library and Buena Vista Library.
- The lockers in Poncha are scheduled to have the wrapping completed in next few weeks.

### Action Items and Unfinished Business

#### Proposition HH

- Susan gave an overview of the September 11, 2023, virtual forum for Special Districts hosted by Chaffee County Administration. If the proposition passes, the State will use a process of “backfilling” monies to help make up the shortfall by loss of taxes to some special districts. SRL is not guaranteed this money.

#### 2024 Budget Draft 1 - Statistics, etc.

- Susan presented the first draft of the 2024 budget. She will prepare additional drafts of the 2024 budget that include the impact that the passage of HH and a reduction of our mill levy will make. The trustees expressed concerns about the impact of either the passage of HH or the reduction of our mill levy will have on our long-term goals specific to expansion plans and services were able to provide. It was noted that the Board of Trustees has been very conservative with taxpayer’s money in the past and continues to maintain prudent budget constraints. The purchase of a new bookmobile, which is currently in our budget and in the process of being assembled, doesn’t appear to be impacted by the passage of Proposition HH or a reduction in the mill levy. However, several trustees expressed concern about future consideration for locating a satellite facility in Poncha Springs.

### New Business

#### New Trustee Position for 2024-2029

- Gloria Broudy’s term will end in December 2023. She is eligible to re-apply for her position on the BOT.

#### DOLA Filing Schedule and BOT December Meeting

- Based on the outcome of the November Election we will add a BOT meeting on December 12th, 2023, to adopt all resolutions to/for the mill levy and 2024 budget ahead of the December 15th, 2023, DOLA filing deadline.

Next Regular Meeting: October 24, 2023, at 1 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Cheryl Pearce-Trujillo

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