AMPL Board Meeting Minutes November 10, 2022

1. CTO: Gloria called the meeting to order at 6pm. In attendance: Gloria Lemaster, Laura Jean Rowe, John Dockery, Missy Giles and Director Sarah Wallace. Absent: Larry Oliver, Monica Etchison, and Kim Terry. Gloria asked Missy to take minutes for this meeting due to the absence of Larry.

2. Approvals: Laura Jean moved to approve the meeting agenda, minutes of previous meeting, and the Financial and Director's reports. Missy seconded and the motion passed.

3. Old Business:

a. Parker Lighting: Sarah informed the Board that she had spoken with Parker Lighting regarding where they are in the lighting project process and was told that they were "getting there."

4. New Business:

a. Nomination of 2023 Officers: The slate of nominations for 2023 Officers are as follows: John Dockery as Board President; Laura Jean Rowe as Vice President; Larry Oliver as Secretary; Kim Terry as Treasurer. Voting will take place at the December meeting with new officers to be seated at the January 2023 meeting.

b. Meeting Dates for 2023: Sarah presented the proposed Board Meeting dates for 2023 mentioning that there were no changes from the standard dates. Missy moved to approve the dates as presented and Laura Jean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. ESA Policy: Sarah explained to the Board that there had been several instances of patrons bringing animals into the library claiming that they were service or emotional support animals that were out of the expected range of what had traditionally been viewed as acceptable as a service animal, and that she and the managers felt that a policy needed to be put into effect so that the staff could deal with any disruptions accordingly. She went on to detail several incidents of concern, and explained that she had discussed the issue with other area Director's at a recent meeting. She then presented the Board with a proposed policy based on what was standard and acceptable under ADA guidelines. John Dockery moved to approve the policy and Laura Jean seconded. Motion was passed successfully.

5. Director's Report:

Sarah covered some of the highlights from the report for the board. The Board wishes to congratulate Bill on winning the most votes for his Halloween box. Way to go Bill! Additionally, the entire staff deserves a shout out for the popularity of our programming. Word has gotten around, and Sarah let us know that she had been approached by another, larger library asking to send their staff over to check out our programming! Thanks to all of you for the great year we've had and the terrific profile you have brought to AMPL!

6. Librarian's Report:

The Board briefly discussed the trends in numbers.

7. Treasurer's Report:

a. Financial Report: Board reviewed and there were no questions.

b. Register of Claims: Laura Jean moved to pay claims 480-522; Missy seconded and the motion passed.

Announcements: The Library closed for Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday.

There were no public comments.

Adjournment: John moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45; Missy seconded and the motion passed. Next meeting Thursday, December 8th at 6pm