



MINUTES

**WATAUGA LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WATAUGA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Woodruff called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

Kip Woodruff
Lindsey Neal
Kristen Chapman
Pedro Rivera
Sian Brannon
Henrietta Egenti
Whitney Isbell

Chairperson/Place 7
Vice-Chairperson/Place 1
Secretary/Place 6
Place 2
Place 3
Place 4
Place 5 (Absent w/notice)

and
Arthur Miner
Lisa Benavidez
Pat Shelbourne
Lana Ewell
Dana Harper

Mayor
Assistant to the City Secretary
City Council Liaison
Director of Library Services
Adult Services Librarian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony were received.

REPORTS

1. Library Director's Report

Director Ewell reported in October and November. She stated that numbers were up 18% and 14%, respectively, with an anticipated dip coming in December due to staff illness (which resulted in the cancellation of some programs) and the continued disruption from construction on Whitley Road. Programming went well during both months, Learn the iPhone was well attended, and Dana Harper's art/tasting programs had huge turnouts. The Sensory Storytime is also going well and has met community needs. The Halloween programs were successful, as was Indie Author Day. For Indie Author Day, we had around 150-200 attendees. The staff is currently working on gathering stats for the yearly state report.

2. Report from Dana Harper, Adult Services Librarian

Ms. Harper reported on the importance of adult programming and how the modern-day library and its patrons have changed. Calling the library "the People's University," Ms. Harper explained how our community uses the library and its resources for more than books but for information gathering in various forms and a community gathering center. Her programs aim to get people into the library and to educate them, and by working with other local libraries, she has been able to cut costs and share resources.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and consider action on the January 9, 2024, Library Board Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairperson Neal made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Brannon seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Ayes, Woodruff, Neal, Chapman, Rivera, Bannon, Egenti
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Isbell

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chairperson Woodruff requests information on attendance policy and removal mechanism for board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Neal adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Approved: this 12th day of March, 2024

Signed: this 12th day of March, 2024

APPROVED: 

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Kip Woodruff /s/
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kristen Chapman /s/

Kristen Chapman, Secretary