

Gilpin County Board of Trustees Meeting: June 8, 2023

Attendance: Harv Mastalir, Linza Douglas, Dorothy Sweet, Jeffrey Smith, Ruth Arnold, + Director Michael Carlson;

Absent: Alisa Witt

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30 pm

2. **Call for Changes to Agenda:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Dorothy moved to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2023 meeting. Dorothy seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. **Public Comment:** David Josselyn, who is waiting on approval from the Gilpin County Commissions to become a new member of the Gilpin County Library Board, was introduced. David deferred his time to speak to the discussion of library finances.

5. Library Director's Report

Michael told the board that the May was a "really" good month for the library and stats looked good with the door count up 10 percent over last year. He said 177 people attended 12 programs and staff is working on conducting six specialty children's programs this summer, the most in one summer. There will also be a Friends of the Library book sale in June, a harpist performance, movie nights and book clubs this summer. Increased attention to library activities in the local papers was also pointed out. Michael is attending the 2023 American Library Associations conference in Chicago in late June.

a. Financial Report

The library district's finances were reviewed and discussed.

6. Old Business

a. Update on Well Project

Michael summarized the issue and explained the library well was shut down 13 years ago due to contamination and that a filtration system would likely cost more than water delivery, which is \$15,000 a year. Water from a nearby residential property is currently being tested to help determine if the library's water issues are isolated to its current well or more widespread throughout the area. If the neighboring property is clean, the library's issues are likely isolated to problems with its leach field and drilling a new well on the far end of the library's property would continue to be a possible solution.

b. Update on Study Room Project

Michael told the board the study pod approved at the previous meeting had been ordered and was in production. It will take 6-8 weeks to complete and ship. Staff will monitor its use and consider adding a smaller version if the space proves to be popular. Michael is excited about fulfilling this library need. An article will run in local papers when it's ready for use.

c. Update on Parking Lot Lighting

Ideas for parking lot lighting were discussed. It was determined the well project will take priority at this point and that simple solutions, if possible, are preferred to illuminate dark areas of the parking lot. There is no desire to light the rear parking area currently, at least until plans for a future e-v charging station project in that area are known.

7. New Business

a. **Discuss staff appreciation event**

The board was told there has not been a staff appreciation event since before the COVID pandemic. Options from local businesses to doing something at the library were discussed, but it was determined that staff should be polled to learn what they would like to do.

8. Next Regular Meeting: August 10, 2023

9. Adjournment: 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Jeffrey Smith, Secretary