MINUTES
Regular
Azle Library Board

333 W. Main St.
Azle, TX 76020

August 13, 2024	1:00 PM	Community Room

CALL TO ORDER

Deborah Giegoldt called the meeting to order at 1PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deborah Giegoldt lead the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no citizen participation.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consider any action approving the minutes from the May 14, 2024 Library Board Meeting.**

   Lynda Scott made a motion to pass the May 14, 2024, minutes. Mary Tredennick second. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

2. **Present library usage statistics**
   Curren McLane, Library Director

   Curren McLane presented the library usage statistics. Circulation in summer 2024 totaled 55,858, which was higher than summer 2023 by 2,526 items. Computer usage was a bit lower as some patrons have their own devices. The door count was lower in June but higher in July year over year. Summer reading registered participants were slightly lower with 1,559 registered participants in 2024 in comparison to 2023, which had 1,691 registered readers; however, the total number of hours read and number of programs increased. In 2024 there were 40,362 hours read and 60 programs offered, whereas in 2023 there were 35,275 hours read and 42 programs offered.

3. **Present information about past and upcoming programs and events**
   Curren McLane, Library Director

   Curren McLane reported on summer programs saying we had 60 programs that included programs for all ages. Rebecca, the Adult Services Librarian, lead the adult finale celebration, while Ava, the Children's Librarian, lead the popsicle party for children and teens. The Library is transitioning to its August programming offerings, which includes LEGO club a felt succulents craft, candle painting, Taylor Swift trivia, main St. book club and last Monday matinee, storytime will be picking up again on August 21st on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and there will be a special Yoga storytime on Thursday September 5th led by Jan Ford.

4. **Construction, green room, and library building maintenance update**

Curren McLane, Library Director

Curren McLane gave an update on construction and the building maintenance. Stating that the Community Room and Green Room had been painted, corner guards had been installed, and the ceiling vent dust had been cleaned up. The vending area counter had been removed, lighting had been added, and the vending area had been repainted. In the staff workroom, shelves had been repurposed from the previous supply closet into the back work area and a work island with power outlets had been installed. Construction is currently being done on the Assistant Director's office.

5. **Present FY25 budget updates**
   Curren McLane, Library Director

   Curren McLane discussed the FY25 budget updates stating that next the budget would need to be approved by city council during the annual workshop, in which all city budgets would be considered. The workshop is on Tuesday.

6. **Library Trust website and gala Update**
   Curren McLane, Library Director

   The Azle Library Trust website is nearly finished. The URL for the website will be Azlelibrarytrust.org. Additional features and options are currently being considered, such as the potential for allowing recurring donations. The website should be fully functional by the Gala that will take place on November 2nd at the Orchard.

7. **Staffing update**
   Curren McLane, Library Director

   Curren McLane introduced Anna and Celina, both of whom are recent hires. They are both part-time Library Assistants.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No discussion took place.

BOARD COMMENTS OF LIBRARY INTEREST

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Royal Ward made a motion to adjourn. Lynda Scott second. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:59PM.

Curren McLane, Library Director

Deborah Giegoldt, Library Board Chair