

Yale Valley Library District

Regular Board Meeting

March 14, 2024

Yale Valley Community Library

3:00pm

Trustees: Cynthia McAllister, Julie Starr, Kathi Wheeler

FVRL: Jennifer Giltrop, Jennifer Haun, Jay McCuiston

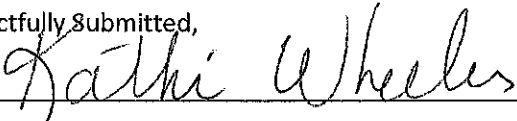
Community: Mike Conroy and Rob Starr

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:04pm by Vice Chair, Cynthia McAllister.
2. Kathi Wheeler asked that the agenda be revised to include discussion of the proposed well. Revised agenda was approved to include well discussion under Facilities, Item 7. Starr/Wheeler The motion was approved by all trustees present.
3. Cynthia welcomed everyone and Jennifer Huan introduced the new FVRL Director, Jennifer Giltrop. Jennifer Giltrop said she was very glad to be here and she had been to the library once before and was very impressed.
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the February 8, 2024 were approved. Wheeler/Starr The minutes were approved by all trustees present.
5. Financials: Jennifer Giltrop gave the financial report. FVRL is in the process of hiring a new Financial Director. The total YVLD revenue for January and February 2024 is \$3588.00. There were no expenditures. The total revenue as of February 29, 2024 is for non-capital reserves is \$273,051.00. For capital reserves the revenue is 103,260.00. Total non-capital and capital reserves are \$376,311.00.
6. Board of trustee YVLD By Law Revision: The by-laws have been reviewed and a revision was needed in Section 4.1. Under Regular Meetings, instead of "monthly meetings" it will say "Six" meetings shall be held "annually". The motion was made to approve this change. Wheeler/Starr The motion was approved by all trustees present.
7. Facilities: **Flagpole:** Jay reported that a new bid to repair the flagpole had been submitted by Elmer's Flag and Banner. After coming to the library to repair the pole mechanism, it was discovered that there was much more damage. The total cost to repair the pole will be \$2961.26. That includes the \$1707.54 approved at the February meeting. Jay suggested that we have a training class on how to raise the flag so the inside mechanism is not damage again. The motion was made to approve the bid of \$2961.26 total to repair the flag pole. Wheeler/Starr The motion was approved by all trustees present. **Acoustic Panels in the Meeting Room:** The panels will be installed in the Meeting Room to help deaden the noise when

many people are in the room. The cost of the purchase from ATS Acoustics will be \$1,033.73. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the panels. Wheeler/Starr The motion was approved by all trustees present. **Ceiling Fans:** A bid was received for 2 ceiling fans from Anchor Electric which would include besides the fans, installation, switch in the office, MC cable/backboxes and the permit for \$3200.00. A motion was made to approve this bid for the fans and installation. Wheeler/Starr The motion was approved by all trustees present. **Well:** Discussion of the well continued and it was decided that the board need a clearer idea of what all the costs will be including well housing, electrical and any other miscellaneous. This is priority of the board. A motion was made that Jay would meet with McGhee Well Drilling and the electrician to discuss costs of the whole project. Wheeler/Starr The motion was approved by all trustees present. A report and decision will be made at the May meeting.

8. RCW 27.12.470 Rural Partial-Rural County Library District: The discussion was started informally by trustees of the YVLD being absorbed into FVRL. Jennifer Giltrop has done some investigating to see if that was a possibility. She found that it is a very gray area, in fact it has never been done and the law is not clear. If this was to be considered, legal council would be needed. However, to be very practical and follow precedent, she stated an election should be held within the district to dissolve the library district first. Then an election should be held within the district again to join FVRL. The discussion was that this would be very expensive and there would be no guarantee that voters within the district would vote to join FVRL after YVLD was dissolved. For the board, this was a non-starter. We will continue to discuss this issue and find ways to make our district stronger and encourage more volunteers and board participation.
9. Jennifer Huan gave the report for the YVL. Lesley Miller was away. The library welcomed over 600 patrons in the month of February. So far this month, March, over 300 patrons have visited the library. Amber Mitchell was hired as our new PSA. Amber is a local resident of the Yale Valley and worked in a bookstore for 5 years. Her first day at the library was February 16th. Welcome Amber! On 2/1/24, the Yale School students visited the library and with their school librarian to learn about our library, browse and check out books. There are currently 42 students at Yale. Each class participated in the FVRL bookmark contest. Jennifer noted that the new Woodland Library is taking shape. She announced that FVRL is sponsoring **Revolutionary Reads** again. This year the book is **"Two Years, Six Lives, and the Long Journey Home"** by Lauren Kessler. For more information and copies of the book, visit any FVRL library.
10. Citizen Comments: Mike Conroy, treasurer of the Yale Valley Friends of the library would like to talk about the group and encourage residents to restart meetings. This was discussed and agreed that we will spread the word.
11. Board Comments: None
12. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 4:10pm. MacAllister/Wheeler The motion was approved by all trustees present.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathi Wheeler, YVLD Secretary