

**Lone Cone Library District Board Meeting
Minutes January 8, 2024**

1. Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Library District Board was held in person and via Zoom on January 8th, 2023 and called to order at 6:34 pm.

Attendees: Kerry Bentler, Michael Donnellon, Emily Haight, Kendal Smith, and Rhonda Oliver. Arriving at a later time: Kattie Neesham. On Zoom; Carrie Andrew, Laurel Henderson and Evan Allen.

Additions to the Agenda

Dark Sky Agent Fiscal Agent Agreement(9), Lone Cone Legacy Trust Room Reservation Fee Waiver(7)

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by: Emily Haight, seconded Kerry Bentler.

Vote to approve: All Aye.

3. Board Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Emily Haight. Second by Kerry Bentler. Vote to approve: All Aye.

4. Public Comment

none

5. Monthly Budget

We were around \$82,000 short in our projected tax revenues, which was significant but expected due to the bankruptcy. Planned for this again in 2024's budget, especially with HH on top of the bankruptcy of the oil and gas company.

All expenses have been covered for 2023 thanks to a \$20000 withdrawal from our reserves leaving \$100,000 in reserves for 2024. The budget will be monitored very closely this year as it will be tight until we receive our tax revenue in March.

Motion to approve the budget made by Kattie Neesham, second by Emily Haight. Vote to approve: All Aye.

6. Director's Report

Staffing issues discussed. Carrie is going to reach out to the new Town Manager to consider a partnership so as to qualify and mutually benefit from various possible grants.

Staff are still really stepping up to fill in the programming gaps.

Received a \$5000 grant from the Telluride foundation for the creation/updating of Policy and Procedures, the switch to a new more accessible website as well as other administrative needs.

We have received an extension for the Digital Literacy grant. Kendall will be taking it to the Senior lunches starting the 22nd.

Record number of people in the doors at the library in 2023 coming in at 27,391.

We have received donations through PayPal. We have articles planned for the local paper.

7. Board Items

The Lone Cone Legacy Trust fee waiver was discussed. Emily Haight recused herself and abstained from the vote. A motion to approve the LCLT fee waiver was made by Kattie Neesham and seconded by Michael Donnellon. Vote to approve: All Aye.

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 Discussion of Meeting Room Policy. Weekend hours are specifically for Friday and Saturday evenings only. The pilot program concerning a % of monies made by those using the MPR for profit will continue at the discretion of the Director. Changes to the Policy are noted on the document in Drive.

The motion was made to adopt, as amended, the revision made to the Meeting Room Policy by Emily Haight and seconded by Michael Donnellon. Vote to approve: All Aye.

9. New Business

A member of the Dark Sky group approached Carrie about using the Library EIN number to defer taxes on items they purchased. While there is an agreement with Dark Sky in place it is solely for the benefit of their receiving grants using the Library as an umbrella entity. It is our understanding that Dark Sky is now a member of the Western Slope Dark Sky Coalition and can use them for grants and tax deferment. Carrie will discuss the details with them, however we will gladly continue our relationship as is to only support the grant process as stated in the agreement.

11. Adjournment

Adjournment at 8:05 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Kerry Bentler. Seconded by Kattie Neesham. Vote to accept: All Aye.

Action Items:

- Cost estimates to rekey the library
- Add new stats to sheet for 2024
- New board member recruitment
- Article in the newspaper about how much and in which ways the library was used in 2023 (EH would be willing to help with comments)