

Leach Public Library
November 21, 2024

Library Board Vice President, Jeena Kompelien, called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Members present: Jeena Kompelien, Simone Sandberg, Judy Oren and Kelly McNary
Members absent: Deb Loberg

No items were brought forth to be added to the agenda.

A motion to accept the October minutes was offered by Mr. McNary and seconded by Ms. Sandberg.

1. **Friends of the Library:** an update was given regarding profit made from the annual “Chocolate Chocolate Day and Book Sale” held on October 10, 2024. \$3,034.00 was the total. This amount is slightly lower than the 2023 event’s profit.
2. **Physical Plant:** the boiler has been started and is running well. Chief Anderson informed Melissa four bicycles were impounded. Don will change out the ceiling fan’s dimmer switch, so it can be adjusted more easily. A \$20.00 “Swiffer” pole was purchased to lend a hand while cleaning the fan.
3. **Library Operations:** the October monthly report revealed an average month. Bills highlighted were mostly for autism products, something new to Leach Public Library. Melissa stated these types of products are becoming quite popular in many libraries. 35 people attended the “Haunted Library.” October numbers for library programs were very good.
4. **Old Business:** the New Board Member Training Packet and Binder added “Search Warrant Guide.” It is described as the same form used in the booklet. It was recopied without Wayne Stenehjem’s name on it.
5. **New Business:**
 - The survey results are in and show great positivity for most areas.
 - FOL Open House will be 12/17/24 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the library.
 - S.W.O.T.:
Strengths: A great variety of materials, the longevity of the building, public access to computers, and printing services are some excellent strengths. We belong to the ODIN consortium. Darcie Huwe at City Hall cooperates well with the library and gives the library excellent support.

Weaknesses: repairs for a historical building can be a challenge. Contractors and supplies can be extremely difficult to find. Libraries are facing negative legislation.

Opportunities: Social media can be used to help improve important information being posted by and for the library.

Threats: Many patrons are using electronics (ebooks) vs. checking out hard copies of books.

- The “Strategic Plan” and “Space Needs Assessment” will be completed in December of 2024.
- The ODIN Director has stated most North Dakota libraries are now fine free. The Leach Public Library Board will need to discuss this and update procedures for fines for 2025. Technology fines are needing most of the attention.