

CHURCHILL COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

**1. Call to Order**

The monthly meeting of the Churchill County Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairwoman Kelli Kelly at 3:00 p.m. on September 22, 2022 in the Churchill County Commission Chambers located at 155 N. Taylor Street, Fallon, NV

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Attendees and Comments**

None

**4. Roll Call of Members**

Trustees present were Kelli Kelly, Jo Petteruti, David Brakebill, and Bill Williams. Also present were Library Director Carol Lloyd, and Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney Joe Sanford.

Absent was Ashlee McGarity.

**5. Verification of the posting of the agenda**

Posting of the agenda was verified by Carol Lloyd

**6. Review and approval of agenda as submitted or revised**

Motion made by David Brakebill to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Bill Williams. All in favor, motion carried.

**7. Review and approval of the meeting minutes from August 25, 2022**

Jo Petteruti noted two minor fixes to page 2, Election of Officers (“Ko” to “Jo”, and “and” to “as”)

Motion made by David Brakebill to approve the minutes of August 25, 2022 as revised, seconded by Jo Petteruti. All in favor, motion carried.

**8. Library Board of Trustees Reports**

Kelli Kelly – Took a family train adventure to Denver. Along the way, there was no cell or wi-fi service so she downloaded the book *Outlander*, a 640-page historical novel that she's still working on.

Jo Petteruti - Attended the Denis Doyle Artist Reception held at the Library on September 13. Also just finishing Dale Erquiaga's book, *Three Wives' Tales*.

**9. Library Director's Report**

Featured Artist on display at the Library: Dennis Doyle Photography, September through October 2022. Photo subjects include petroglyphs from around the southwest.

Recap: Reception held on September 13 where about 15 people attended. Doyle's wife Kristen Kabrin is also an artist whose photographs of doors are on display in the County Administration building along with more of Doyle's work.

October 22, 2022 – Meet and hear Kendra Atleework, author of “Miracle Country”, Saturday 5:00 – 7:00 p.m at CAC. Collaboration with CAC for the event, funded by Nevada Humanities.

October 25, 2022 – Conversation with Dale Erquiaga, author of Three Wives Tales will be held at the Library at 5:30 p.m. Ron Belden will moderate the conversation and book summary.

February 25, 2023 – Meet and hear Michael Branch, author of “On The Trail of the Jackalope: How a Legend Captured the World's Imagination and Helped Us Cure Cancer”, Saturday 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at CAC. Collaboration with CAC for the event, funded by Nevada Humanities. The author is from UNR, and the story is a non-fiction history of Bishop.

2022 Annual Report – Carol Lloyd presented the new format with the Mission Statement, the 2022 highlights for circulation, budget expenditures, grants, programming, the Strategic Plan and Summer Reading Program, and the list of current Library Board of Trustees. She also told the board the Annual Report from the Churchill Library Association is forthcoming.

Statistics – Carol Lloyd said after crunching the numbers, she determined that 29% of the circulation was related to downloables. Weeding is in progress for books that haven't been circulated in 2 to 3 years. Patron visits are way up, and the library is busier and busier daily. Attendance in Storytime, VR and other after-school programs is increasing. However, a statistical drop in program attendance of about 50% from July to August was noted as primarily due to the SRP wrapping up which had over 600 participants this year.

Carol Lloyd shared a news article entitled At Least 50 Groups in the US advocated to Ban Books In The Past Year. David Brakebill asked what the top 10 banned books were. Kelli Kelly found the list on the American Library Association's web site and read them to the group, noting that more than half of those were related to LGBTQ topics. She also said that September is Banned Book Month. Other banned titles mentioned were the Bible, Catcher In The Rye, Huck Finn, and Grapes of Wrath. Jo Petteruti told the group about a new word being used, presentism, where the past is interpreted in terms of today's attitudes.

Drone Program – Funded by a \$10,000 grant from Enel and Carol Lloyd said about half of that has been invested to date in the drones and supporting technology. Testing has started and it is noisy. The propellers on the little drones do not have guards around them, and she said there was concern over what would happen if one landed in someone's hair. So a crash test dummy and a wig have been purchased to test that scenario.

### **Set the date and time of next regular/special Library Board meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled as a special meeting for Thursday, October 20, 2022 because it

won't be held on its regular schedule of October 27. The meeting time is still set for 3:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Churchill County Administration Building, 155 N. Taylor Street, Fallon, NV. Kelli Kelly will not be in attendance, and Jo Petteruti will chair on her behalf.

Carol Lloyd also asked if the November meeting could be moved up by one week earlier due to the Thanksgiving holiday, and noted the Library's holiday closings. Both items will be added to the October meeting agenda.

### **Old Business**

1. For Information Only – Discussion of funds held with Churchill County and investment options. No discussion was held. Tabled until next month.

### **New Business**

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the monthly budget report. Carol Lloyd told the board that County Commissioners have back-filled the Library's budget, primarily funded by county ad valorem taxes, by adding \$250,000 for salary increases incurred last year. Motion made by David Brakebill to approve the monthly budget report, seconded by Bill Williams. All voted in favor, motion carried.
2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Library Gift Fund. The only change to the Gift Fund and the Morgan Trust has been the interest earned by the accounts. There has been no spending from either account. Motion made Bill Williams to approve the Library Gift Fund, seconded by David Brakebill. All voted in favor, motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Petteruti for Ashlee McGarity, Secretary