

VGPL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOV. 17, 2025

Attendees: Kris, Mary H., David W., Monica (on phone), John, Joe, Jim O, Sam, Martha, Kathleen, Julia

Public Attendees: none

Call To Order: 5:30 pm, Kris.

Public comments: none

Motion to Accept Agenda: Motion by David, Second by Martha. Approved unanimously

Motion to Accept Minutes: Motion by David, Second by John. Unanimously approved. Kris and Sam abstain due to being absent from meeting.

President's Report: Kris

- Kris thanked Martha for running last meeting.
- Fall Appeal: We are over \$11G right now. Our goal is \$40G. We will run this through January. Next month, the exec. committee needs to meet before board meeting, and the finance committee needs to meet as well.
- January Board Meeting—no meeting in December. Next meeting is January 19th, 5:30 pm
- On Dec 13 will be a free presentation by John Ninnemann on his art exhibit at the library, running through January. Monica states that we will need some people from the board to attend and help him set up.

Treasurer's Report: David

- We received the Grants In Aid, Rural Library Fund, NM Grow, and the balance of county money. Our expenses are in line. We may not receive the same revenue sources next year.
- Book sale—We made \$9500. Next book sale is May 7-9. Please put on your calendars. Set up occurs the week prior.
- We did not do Oktoberfest this year—We earned \$2500 last year.
- We have received \$11g from Fall donation appeal and trivia

Library Director's Report: Julia

- Things going well. Checkouts holding steady.
- Please see handouts

Committee Reports:

Development:

- Donor Appeal--Letters are out as of Nov. We have received \$11G thus far. The appeal goes through January.
- Business donors: We are at \$3600. This includes 10 individuals and HOAs. Hoping to reach \$7500. Kris will send list of who has given.
- Mary H. reports that the Development Committee needs more ideas for Fundraisers. (Julia reminds us that we are only allowed 4 raffles a year.)
 - The book sale required 500 hours of volunteer service.
 - Next Dev meeting is Dec 9, 2 pm.

Community Relations:

Joe Durlak reported that the last trivia game of the year was completed at Nuckolls Brewing Co: Kris requests the committee send out a schedule for next year. She reminded the committee that they need to report any donations for prizes. This is in-kind service and they receive a Thank You.

IT:

Jim O reports that the new website is up and there will be a training after thanksgiving.

Nominating:

John T has had good conversations with several people interested in serving on the board.

New Business

- Spring cleaning: Julia will check with the county on their cleaning services. The board wishes to hire professionals for a deep clean. We should not rely on volunteers, according to Mary H, and instead hire a bonded cleaning company.
- Marketing – Mary H. met people with the water authority. We may be able to advertise in their newsletter and work on other mutually satisfactory projects. Monica and Mary will meet about this.
- Sam said he was appreciative of the new bus stop in front of library. He asks if we can do more to market the bus schedule. Do a profile in the newsletter of a rider. Monica will collect info on the blue bus from Julia.
- Sam and Julia discussed improvements to the bike rack in front of the library.

Adjourn: 6:30 pm.