

August 18, 2025
VGPL Board of Directors Meeting, Minutes

Attendees: Kris Sefton (acting head of meeting), Monica, Julia, Mary H, Mary B, Kathleen M, Martha, John, David, Jim. Excused absences: Joe, Jody

Approval of Agenda: Motion by John, Second by David. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by David, Second by Mary H. Unanimous in favor. Martha abstains.

Library Director's Report—Julia Kelso

- We have been reimbursed for e-rate funding.
- Board is urged to hire new bookkeeper. Work is on going.
- The roof continues to leak.
- Bus station stop at library: in progress
- We have had trouble with the movie projector. We may move to streaming only.
- VGPL stats: eBook rate is increasing.
- The Snake Safety program attracted 50 people. We raised \$60 in donations.
- The summer reading program is online.
- Tuesday and Wednesday after-school program is full. We have a waiting list.

Treasurer's Report—David Weaver

David reviewed the month and year-to-date reports. Month of July begins our fiscal year. We are off to good start.

We must hire a bookkeeper. This should be done by the executive committee with other interested parties.

Art Exhibit—Monica

- Due to the type and frequency of physical labor, administration, and communication needs, we are cancelling future 2D (wall) exhibits to give us time to consider option. We will continue to have monthly 3D exhibits.

Bylaws Committee—Martha

- The bylaws are finished and have been given to President Jody for editing. Question: do we need to finalize the Code of Conduct before bylaws can be finalized?

Community Relations--Jim

- You can have non-board members on committee. The committee chair must be a board member.

--Joe Durlak new chair.

--Oktoberfest: Kris and Monica will be traveling. Kris passed out tickets to each board member.

--Trivia games:

- Aug. 25, Eldorado Taphouse, 7-9 pm (Joe)
- Sept 12, Nuckolls in Lamy, 4-6
- Sept. 24th, Eldorado Taphouse, 7-9 pm
- Oct. 22, Eldorado Taphouse, 7-9 pm
- NO GAMES in Nov and Dec at Eldorado Taphouse
- Nov game in Nuckolls in Lamy, To Be Announced

Please put up posters. Monica makes the posters and copies are in board office for people to pick up and post. Nuckolls needs posters.

BACK TO SCHOOL Donor Appeal—Kris

--Two volunteers are helping Kris on addresses.

Fall Donor Appeal—Kris

--We will snail mail after Fall Book Sale, which is Nov 6-8.

--Kris notes that some people do not want to give emails or don't like emails.

--We will make a general QR code available for donations.

Business Donor Appeal—Kris

--We have a new board built by volunteer, Frank Lampe, where we will display donors is on the wall.

--Each board member received a packet with talking points.

--Board signed up for businesses they wish to approach.

Book Sale—Monica

--Book sale is Nov. 6-8. Set up occurs Saturday prior. Take down occurs Monday after sale.

--Monica introduced Mary H as volunteer coordinator.

IT COMMITTEE—Jim

-- No meeting this month.

--End of September is the deadline for switchover of website. We are using the same company (WIX), but we will be on a different plan.

--The current website will not be supported. Redesign is underway

Marketing Communications—Monica

Monica reported on the places where she places publicity: Calendars (New Mexican, The Reporter, Santa Fe Tourism, Santa Fe Community College), press releases to PasaTiempo, Greet, Vistas, VGPL newsletter, and radio.

Nominating Committee—Martha

- Martha met with a potential new board member this week.
- Monica will change name on website to Martha as Nominating head
- we need two more board members.
- Monica will update board member skills.

Old Business

- The leaking roof is not fixed. This is a County responsibility.

New Business

- Policy Approvals: Julia asked board to review her changes to the Child Pornography policy. We are now a filtering library, meaning filters as required by certain organizations/funding agencies are in place on computers.
Motion by Monica to approve the policy as presented. Mary B second. Unanimous in favor.
- Absence announcement. Monica reminded board members to list any dates of travel or absence on the erase board in the board office.

Announcements--Kris

- Monica created a handout on the roles available for board members to fill for upcoming Oktoberfest and Book Sale fundraisers.
- Project Manager is needed for Oktoberfest.
- Development committee may move meetings to day of board meeting, 4:30-5:30.

Adjourn: Motion by John, Second by Monica.