

**SOUTHWEST LA PLATA LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
18 September 2023**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm. In attendance were Rebecca Benally, Cynthia Loebig, Janet Kuss, Peter Miesler, Roy Horvath, Amanda McKown, Sharon Orr, Scott Davey, and Nona Dale.

2. Approve Agenda

A motion to approve the August agenda was made by Peter, seconded by Janet; unanimous approval

3. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 21st meeting, after changing the date and time, was made by Peter, seconded by Janet; unanimous approval.

4. Public comment

None

5. Update from Friends of Library members

None

6. Update from Library Director

Statistics are in the shared folder

After School Program:

Big pressure coming in to expand these programs to 16 kids. So, we will definitely need more staff.

For the short term:

Patty wants to run the SS program. I have a person in mind to do the supplemental enrichment piece (not ASEP activities for children) for Sunnyside. Karen Kotts is a retired teacher and has worked in the library before. She said she might be interested. I plan on nagging her until I get a solid yes or no. If she decides not to do so, I will pursue other options.

For the short term, Cindy and a lady at FLM named Stef will tag team ASEP. Stef is contracted to work for the school district until 3:20. Cindy will start with the kids at 2:30 and Stef will finish off the day. For the long term, I would like to hire someone to do the complete program at FLME. I have a couple of suggested people that I am pursuing.

I will keep you apprised as these situations evolve.

Kline Property:

Cindy did a rough mockup for the potential use of the Kline site for library purposes.

It's not quite to scale—the library looks too small to me. I imagine, we could long-term plan some use for this additional land. But this is the gist of what I am hoping for regarding this property.

The church, in my vision, would be main floor ADA compliant. One or two wheel-chair accessible restrooms and the main floor left open as a large gathering space. We could acquire mobile dividers that could divide the room

into smaller spaces, and then be pushed aside, or we could fashion some sort of storage space. We could have a small collection, perhaps a rotating collection, for preschoolers or homeschoolers to use. We could have some comfortable seating areas for group chats, book clubs, crafters, etc.

The addition would be removed or updated and the basement would be used for storage, and possible staff workspace, including space for the Friends.

Fall Harvest:

- I'm mailing postcards for FLM on September 26 and Sunnyside on October 3.
- The space use has been approved by 9R
- Menu
 - o Chili
 - o Corn Bread
 - o Salad
 - o Discussions ongoing regarding dessert
- Entertainment
 - o Small scale escape room in the library
 - o Corn Hole Game
 - o Scarecrow Contest
- Additional needs
 - o Survey results to share
 - o Budget draft to share
- I fully confident Nycole and Cindy will pull it all together fabulously.

Other

- Books and Blankets was absolutely lovely! We had about 60 people attend.
- Saturdays are off to a slow start, but we're hoping to push that at the Fall Harvest Festival along with our Eclipse Party on October 14th.
- Insurance trainings—all but one person has completed them.

B. Input from board to director:

Ask Ignacio what their CORA policy is

7. FLM Property Update

No Update

8. Committee updates

1. Financial Status Update

New budget sheets were explained

Notice for budget meeting needs to be posted 30 days ahead.

Scott would like the budget meeting to coincide with the November board meeting.

2. Finance Committee update

3. Management Committee Update

CORA documents have been given to CLiC for review. The board would like Rebecca to rewrite the CORA policy so that SWLPLD handles its own requests (like Durango Public Library does). A meeting to discuss the changes will be held the week of 10/9.

4. Strategic Planning Committee

- What do we want to accomplish?
- Come up with three ways to provide more access to the libraries and come up with the pros and cons for each

- Strategic Planning Committee will schedule a meeting in early October.

9. Other items

Do we need/want to require background checks for board members?

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Next SWLPLD Board Meetings – November 20, 2023 and December 18, 2023