

Barbara Moscato Brown Memorial Library

Present – Lori Reed, Staci Brown, JoAnn Fapore, Lori Sullivan, Nancy Zoschg, Nicki Abriatis, Tony Moscato, Yelena Kisler, Jr.

The Board approved the minutes of the October meeting with a motion made by Staci Brown and seconded by JoAnn Fapore.

The Board approved the treasurer's report for the months of September and October with a motion made by Lori Reed and seconded by Lori Sullivan.

The Board approved the librarian's report with a motion made by Staci Brown and seconded by Lori Reed.

The Board approved Librarian, Yelena Kisler's report with a motion made by Lori Sullivan and seconded by Nicki Abriatis.

The librarian presented various items in her report-

*In reference to having a junior member of the Board, the Board has elected to allow 12 -14 year old apply as long as their parents agree.

* Various activities have been held over the past weeks, with great success. The Wizarding Days, Dio de los Muertos, and the Spooky STEM session brought in lots of interest.

*The Thursday Story Hour sessions have seen an increase in attendance. During one session, local author, Jason Fink, read his book 'Mayhem and Monster'

* Cards for Troops and the Book Gifting programs are running during the next few weeks.

* The library is considering joining a consortium that offers virtual author talks with big name authors. The cost is \$750 which will covered via a grant and/or the Friends.

* Currently, a Used Book Sale is being held in association with Christmas in the Wilds taking place in the community

*Also, a basket raffle and book buddy pillows will allow for additional fund raising.

Jeanne Miglicio, local attorney, spoke to the Board regarding the name of the library building vs the name of the library. The building is named Barbara Moscato Brown Public Library Building and the library is the Cameron County Public Library. Other items discussed were charitable donations and fund- raising terms. Questions were put to Jeanne relating to her interpretation of the correct number of Board members as written in 1939/1940 when the library was established. Since the Establishment Agreement created in 1939 by the county of Cameron when the library was created, the agreement states that the Board of Trustees shall be comprised of 7 members.

Therefore, the Board has sent a request to the Cameron County Commissioners to have Lori Sullivan appointed as the county representative to the Board of Trustees.

The Emporium Borough Council has been contacted numerous times regarding an appointment of a representative to the Board of Trustees with no response ever given. Therefore, the Board has elected to appoint a member to fill the position. The Board has elected to appoint Joann Fapore to be the borough appointee and reappoint Nicki Abriaitis as a second borough appointee.

The Board also elected to have Carl Mitchell and Amanda Jones as advisory members to the Board of Trustees.

The Board approved the 2024 Budget with a motion made by Nancy Zoschg and seconded by Lori Reed.

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, February 26, 2024 at 3:30PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Staci Brown and seconded by Lori Reed.