**Linwood Community Library Annual Board Meeting March 1, 2022**

*Meeting location: Linwood Community Building; 302 Main St; Linwood, KS.*

**Call to Order**

**Board Members present:** Thaddeus Swann (2022), Melanie Morris (2023), Stacey Schmitt (2024), Christy Brice (2023), Ron Smith (2022), Robert Firth (2025), Dalton Torneden (2025)

**Staff Members present:** Kat McKee (Director), Stefanie Brown, Kathy Reno

**District Members present:** Arlene Pritchard, Richard Brown, Anne Kohlmeyer, Lisa Turney, Mary Scharn

**The meeting was called to order at: 7:04 P.M. by Thaddeus Swann**

**Changes/Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Old Business**

* Minutes from the 2021 Annual meeting

**Approval: Bob** motioned to approve the 2021 Annual meeting minutes without changes, Christy Seconded. **Motion Carried 7-0**

**New Business**

* Notice of Annual Meeting publication presented by Kat.
* 2021 Annual Report presented by Kat
* 2021 in Review
  + Covid as high as 70% to as low as 5 % infection rate, dropped mask mandate.
  + Reinstated mask mandate at 10%, mandated.
  + With Omicron variant, masking is strongly encouraged, not mandated.
  + Were cleaning all books and surface, utilizing outdoor programming and zoom instead of indoor programming.
  + Library is developing a team to create an outdoor space, also a green space.
  + Applied to NEKLS to help create a story rock.
  + Staff changes: Sharon Moreland – Sender resigned to take a new position in Iola. Current Director, Kat McKee started in June 2021. Library added a Teen Service Coordinator. Kim Downing resigned to take a job in Tonganoxie. Mary Pawlowski was hired to do outreach and programming. Summer LeBrell was hired to take up the Teen position and young adult collection.
  + Kat thanked Stefanie, Kathy and Kim for their work in providing library services during the Pandemic and between Directors.
  + Summer Reading – A program each Thursday evening during the Summer.
  + Participating in One Book, Many Neighbors program, Linwood’s program is on Sunken Treasure.
  + Friends of the Library: Bingo Night, Fall Family Fun and
  + Upcoming Events: Community Bingo and Book Sale.
  + Mary Eisenhower Visited Linwood Elementary and gave a program.
  + Kat joined on the Lion’s Club and joined the LES site council.
  + Installed a Generac generator and is operating successfully.
  + New fence was put up, Kat thanked Richard Brown for his help on this.
  + Working on creating a dedicated teen space and a comfortable space for our coffee group.
* 2022 Goals:
* Increase Circulations by 15%
* Increase number of people in the door and programs by 10%
* Staff 100% on continuing education.
* Create an inviting space and environment in our library.
* Creating community partnerships.
* Library collection will no longer be separated by genre.

**District Member Comments**

Thaddeus thanked everyone for attending and showing library support.

**Nominations and Election of (2) 2022 – 2026 Library Board Members**

* (2) 4-year terms are open
* Terms expiring for Thaddeus Swann and Ron Smith
* Request for nominations
* Arlene Pritchard nominated Anne Kohlmeyer for an open 4-year position, Stacey Schmitt seconded.
* Kathy Reno nominated Lisa Turney for an open 4-year position, Stefanie Brown seconded.
* Each nominee introduced themselves.
* **– 14 votes - Anne Kohlmeyer was approved for the 4-year position by majority vote.**
* **14 votes - Lisa Turney was approved for the 4-year position by majority vote.**
* Thaddeus welcomed the new board members.
* Overview of Officer and Committee Appointments:
* Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, Secretary.
* Board Committees: Building & Equipment, Personnel & Policy, Finance.
* Thaddeus thanked all Board members and district members for attending.

**Adjournment**   
**Approval:** Ron moved to adjourn at 7:35 P.M. Stacey seconded. Motion carried 7-0

**Next Meeting**The next regular Board meeting will be **Tuesday, March 22 ,2022 at 7:00 P.M.**

*Submitted by: Dalton Torneden; Board Secretary*

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Thaddeus Swann, Chairperson Date:

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Dalton Torneden, Secretary Date: