CURRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2023 at 4:00 pm
Curry Public Library
Minutes by Jeremy Skinner

1. Call to Order by chair Jerry Herbage @ 4:00 pm

2. Library Mission Statement – read by Tim Scullen

3. Citizen Concerns – none

4. Review of Minutes from September 21, 2023
   -Tim Scullen made a motion to approve the minutes with two amendments. The motion was seconded by Kelly Margolis. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. Friends of the Library Report – Dianne Daniels
   -The Friends of the Library Silent Auction and Live Dessert Auction was a success; it raised $11,000.
   -The FOL will be participating in the City of Gold Beach Trunk or Treat event to raise awareness for the library.
   -They are planning a holiday Better Book and Bake Sale for November 17-18.
   -They have finished officer elections for the upcoming calendar year.
   -Plans are underway to finalize an event calendar for the 2024.

   -Skinner reviewed expenditures and revenue. -see attached financial report

7. Director’s Report (Skinner) -see attachment

8. Old Business
   -none

9. New Business
   -Lot Line Adjustment proposal: postponed until November.
   -Lost Item Policy 1st Reading: This policy was distributed and reviewed. Skinner asked for feedback between now and the November meeting.
   -Unattended Child Policy 1st Reading: Skinner distributed a draft policy and noted that he had heard from multiple board members, who had concerns about the policy as written. The board had an extensive discussion. Some felt that the policy was heavy-handed in its rigid expectations for parental oversight (for children under 10), and in its conduct requirements for unattended minors over age 10. Additionally, there were board members that felt like it sent the wrong message to note in the policy that unattended children could result in contacting law enforcement. There were also dissenting opinions expressed, including the fact that the behaviors exhibited by some children are disruptive,
and in some cases, they create unsafe situations for staff and the public. In the end, Skinner agreed to re-think the policy, and come back with a new draft that delineated that role of parents and caregivers, while focusing on library’s goal of providing safe spaces that meet the needs of many people. A new draft will not provide specifics on how these goals will be facilitated for youth within the varied library spaces.

-Solar: Skinner noted that Sol Coast consultants are hoping to schedule a time to discuss options for expanded solar power and storage at the library.

11. Adjournment @ 4:55