

Dripping Springs Community Library District
September 18, 2024

Present: Missy Atwood, Bob Richardson, Melva Codina, Marcie Cochran
DSCL – Mindy Laird, Sarah Rose
Chris Marcum, DSCF
Lauralyn Arellano – Community
Lesli Cathey

Call to order at 8:33 a.m.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Chris Marcum – Dripping Springs Community Foundation** – Chris discussed the goals of DSCF and how the organization could enable the Library to receive endowments from donors. The Foundation is not a fundraiser but a conduit for donors and non-profits. DSCL would be the first agency to join the Foundation.
- **Capital Campaign Report**: Sarah presented her monthly report. The proposed gala has been moved back to Fall, 2025. A butterfly installation in the current library is being tabled for now. Sarah informed the Board about her progress with several foundations, the on-going major gifts initiatives, and butterfly donations. A budget modification will be added to the October agenda for discussion and approval. The golf tournament has been scheduled for March 1, 2025, at Grey Rock. Mindy will be the Library designee to sign the contract.
- **Librarian's Report**- Library Director, Mindy Laird, presented her monthly report. Although the Library asked Hays County for a \$90,000 grant, we were awarded \$30,000. Mindy has joined Leadership Dripping Springs Class 8. She is also researching hiring a policy consulting service through PLAN (Partners Library Action Network) for an overhaul of policy. The cost is to be determined. On October 26th we will have a 'Trunk or Treat/Kidrepreneur Fair. Young entrepreneurs will get the opportunity to sell their wares in the library. Mindy will be collaborating with Lesli to answer Questions from EideBailly on Forecasted Financial Statements as part of the USDA loan application process. ADT is supposed to start repair on Fire system next week.
- **Treasurer's Report - no action**
- **New library planning and design** – Bob updated the Board on the environmental project regarding bird-nesting and the report being sent to the Hays County Environmental Department within 60 days. Terracon has already communicated with the County regarding their findings. Also discussed was a letter received by board members from a local environmental group.
- **USDA Construction Loan**- A meeting with the State Architect resulted in concerns regarding the cost of the new library. The Architect feels that some cost-cutting changes need to be made as he feels that the design is not modest in design. Bob will discuss this with PGAL and ask them to research design options that would exemplify the cost of today's construction costs. Re-submission of information will need to occur.
- **TIRZ Board Update** – no action
- **Potential plan for alternative financing for new building** - Missy will contact a possible lender that is not contingent on the USDA load application for interim financing.
- **Butterfly Installation** – no action
- **General Library policy consulting services for Director** – no action

- **Open Board position** – no action
- **Executive Session:**
The Board entered executive session at 10:50 a.m.
Discussion centered on the performance evaluations and monetary compensation for Aleigha Hudson and Lisa Tynes.

The Board left executive session at 11:13 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- On a motion by Bob Richardson and seconded by Melva Codina, and there being no further discussion, the Board accepted and approved by unanimous vote the minutes for June 19, 2024.
- On a motion by Melva Codina and seconded by Bob Richardson, and there being no further discussion, the Board accepted and approved the financial reports for June 19, 2024.
- On a motion by Melva Codina and seconded by Bob Richardson, and there being no further discussion, the Board accepted and approved by unanimous vote the minutes and financial reports for August 21, 2024.
- Capital Campaign Coordinator Report – no action.
- On a motion by Bob Richardson and seconded by Melva Codina, and there being no further discussion, the Board accepted and approved by unanimous vote the authorization to enter a contract with Grey Rock Golf Club for a golf tournament and designating Mindy Laird as signatory to the contract.
- Librarian’s Report – no action
- On a motion by Bob Richardson and seconded by Melva Codina, and there being no further discussion, the Board approved a contract renewal for Texas Health Benefits for employees and authorized Mindy Laird as signatory to the contract.
- Butterfly installation – no action
- General Library Consulting – tabled until October meeting.
- On a motion by Melva Codina and seconded by Bob Richardson, and there being no further discussion, the Board approved the employee evaluations of Aleigha Hudson and Lisa Tynes.
- Treasurer’s Report – no action
- New Library planning and design – no action
- USDA construction loan- no action
- On a motion by Melva Codina and seconded by Bob Richardson, and there being no further discussion, the Board approved the amended policy change to the TexShare Card Program Eligibility.
- On a motion by Bob Richardson and seconded by Melva Codina, and there being no further discussion, the Board approved the signature and submission of Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the November 5, 2024, election.

- On a motion by Bob Richardson and seconded by Melva Codina, and there being no further discussion, the Board approved the signature and submission of Order of Cancellation for the November 5, 2024, election.

On a motion by Bob Richardson and seconded by Melva Codina, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melva Codina

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Board Secretary