



**CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT**  
**Public Library Quarterly Meeting**  
**April 13, 2021**

Members Present: Rod Earnheart, Mike Holloway, Stefan Kells, Jeanne Tykoski  
Others Present: Chris Ely

**I) Call meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum**

Meeting called to order at 5:22 p.m. by Chair Rod Earnheart.

**II) Action Items**

**1. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2021**

Motion made by Mike Holloway to approve minutes, seconded by Stefan Kells, motion carried.

**III) Information Reports**

**1. Advisory Board and Director Concerns**

None.

**2. Financial and Statistical Reports**

Reviewed the previous quarter's financial report. Vending machine net income is ~\$300 for the quarter. Material budget is on track, though Chris Ely noted there was a slight overage in spending on books last year, partly due to grant spending during the pandemic that went beyond the grant funding.

In person visits to the library are slowly beginning to increase, with a drop in February due to a four-day power and water outage. Patronage is still about half compared to pre-COVID-19, with physical checkouts reflecting this difference, but digital library checkouts have increased.

**3. Director's Report**

Potential candidates for the library board were discussed. The board expressed an interest in adding a teenager to the board, possibly a Senior at WHS or a college student. Chris Ely mentioned the upcoming election and suggested asking a member of the council to serve, as Bart Bodine will be leaving both the city council and library board soon.

Ely gave an informal report on the status of the library. She expects to apply for several grants this year, but expects it to be more competitive due to COVID-19. Both staff computers are ten years old, and the copier/printer is not working properly, so those items will be the core of a proposal to the Tocker Foundation. The Dell Foundation and HP Foundation were suggested as possibilities for computers.

Maintenance continues to be a big issue, with many items needing repair, such as the front and back doors, lights, bathroom sink, etc.

Potential renovation ideas were also discussed. The Community Room needs new flooring at a minimum, preferably not carpet due to the need to allow food and drink. Replacing

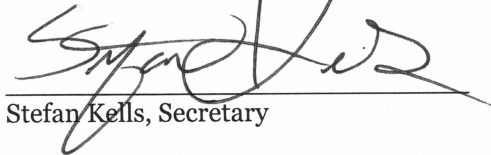
the accordion panels that make up the majority of two walls with solid panels would also be beneficial to better define the space and add some sound proofing.

Renovating the library as a whole is also a possibility with future grants. Replacing carpet and shelving that are original from 1978 would enhance the overall library experience with modern shelving to accommodate more materials.

Ely reported contact had been made with Master Gardeners of Grayson County regarding a service project to redo the planter that wraps around the outside of the library. She will be meeting with a representative to work out details, but hopes to have native plants and/or butterfly and bee friendly plants. Once we have more details, we intend to tie it into library program(s).

An Eagle Project was suggested as a way to do some small renovations, inside or out. Grants or in-kind donations from businesses with a presence in Grayson and Fannin counties should be researched. Examples given were Lowe's or Home Depot for building supplies.

IV) **Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.**

  
Stefan Kells, Secretary

10/12/21  
Date