

**Artesia Public Library
Board Meeting
October 13, 2020**

President Dave Grousnik called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm. Other members present included Julie Gibson, Deborah Younggren, Jess Holmes, Donna Todd, Sandy Schuetz, and head librarian Erin Loveland.

The **minutes** of the special October 6 meeting were approved as read. (Jess / Julie)

No FOTL report

Librarian's Report – Erin

- Handouts included Staff Concerns about Reopening, Questions & Answers about Reopening, and another request from the Council of Moms
- The staff is updating and weeding out all non-fiction sections.
- The six week virtual happening is now on week 4.
Week 1 – Pickles Week 2 – Banned Books (To Kill a Mockingbird favorite)
Week 3 – Hispanic Heritage Week 4 – Autumn
Week 5 – Star Wars Week 6 – Spooky – Halloween
- The craft kits are becoming popular so the staff is making them more family oriented.
- The children's catalog shelves are virtual and one click can reserve a child's book. (just pointing out what should be the obvious)
- Virtual shelves are for adults too.

Old Business

- Erin talked to HR director, Sandi Countryman, and learned that the governor is changing mass gathering rules for Eddy County from ten to FIVE. The City Council is in no hurry to make a decision on reopening the library and other city venues. She also made it clear it is a mayor / council decision and while our input is wanted, it is ultimately up to them. Their main concern is protecting Erin and the library staff.

New Business

- The Story Walk is changing to honor local veterans for the month of November. Names mentioned included Chuck Joy, age 100, and Leonard Witcher, age 98.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

The next Zoom meeting will be November 10 at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Schuetz
Secretary pro-tem

