

**Clewiston Library Board Minutes**  
**February 12, 2025**

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- A. Opening Remarks
- B. Roll Call of Members-Present: Toni Couse, Mary Thomas, Frank Harris, Mike Galassini, Cindy Carroll, Dr. Laura Jones, and Natasha Hayes. Absent: Cathy Metz.
- C. Minutes from Last Meeting
  - a. December 4, 2024-motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Galassini and seconded by Mr. Harris.
- D. Treasurer's Report - Mr. Harris reported that the balance is currently \$897.57 as of the latest bank statement which is dated for January 2024.

- E. Director's Report

- a. Library Statistics & Calendars- Library statistics were provided via an Excel spreadsheet which explains/depicts the circulation counts of library materials, items cataloged/removed, programs, door count, and more. A report was also provided that detailed the patronage on Saturdays with the details being:

2/15/25- 3	2/22/25- 1	3/1/25- Closed Yard Sale
3/8/25- 1	3/15/25- Closed Sugar Festival	3/22/25- 7
3/29/25- 0	4/5/25- 0	

- F. Old Business

- a. Pulled Pork fundraiser-Will be held March 1<sup>st</sup> while the yard sale is occurring inside the library. We received a \$25.00 gift card as a donation from Winn-Dixie in Labelle to help cover the costs for the pork shoulders. Alex and Natasha will continue to purchase what is needed

for this event. We will offer pulled pork sandwiches as well as sodas and waters.

- b. Calvary Christmas Carolers- This event was well attended and liked by all. The choir sang 6 songs and read *Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Hot cocoa and cookies were provided as refreshments on behalf of the Friends of the Clewiston Library and a Christmas backdrop was set up for families to enjoy while taking pictures.
- c. Christmas Pajama Storytelling Event-What a great evening full of storytelling, hot cocoa and a surprise drive by-Christmas golf cart light parade.

#### G. New Business

- a. Summer Reading Program-Staff is beginning to work on organizing the summer program here at the library. This year's event will run from June 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>. Most all presenters will be held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Due to the holiday (July 4<sup>th</sup>), there will not be a program held that Wednesday. The program finale will be held on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> with Showtime for Kids being our last act.
- b. Guest Storytime Reading Volunteers-Our library is always open to welcome new storytellers. If anyone is interested in reading to the public here at the library, please contact the Library Director to schedule an event.
- c. Pre-Teen/Teen Room Renovations-Wall décor, paint colors and more have been picked out to begin updating the pre-teen/teen room.
- d. Changes to Social Media/Calendars-the City is asking that all department Facebook pages and other social media pages be streamlined and only posted on the City of Clewiston's social media pages. Concerns were made known that our library cooperative may not be able to be combined with only the City's pages due to there being three distinctly

different library branches within our cooperative. This will be discussed at the next Hendry County Library Cooperative meeting.

e. Clewiston's Chamber of Commerce Community Member of the Year

i. Mrs. Mary Thomas!!!!-Congratulations to Mrs. Thomas for all of her dedicated hard work, thoughtfulness, and support for the library and the entire community.

ii. Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Tena Harris were the recipients of this award last year as well.

1. With the support, dedication, and hard work of the individuals above, our community is thriving and better off because of them being the positive public servants they are.

H. Date for Next Meeting-April 9, 2025 at 5 p.m.

I. Public Remarks-None.

J. Adjournment-6:03 p.m.