



APPROVED: October 28, 2014

CITY OF ALBANY  
ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

September 23, 2014

MINUTES

Board members present: Rosemary Bennett, Kim Brown, Arwen McGilvra, Randy Peckham, Anne Taleff and Georgiann Wheeler

Board members absent: Kelley Guilliot

Staff present: Ed Gallagher, Library Director and Sheena Dickerman, Administrative Assistant I

CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Georgiann Wheeler called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF July 22, 2014, MINUTES

Board Member Randy Peckham moved to approve the minutes as written. Board Member Kim Brown seconded the motion and it passed 6 -0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Friends of the Library (FOL) President Colleen Keller introduced herself. She said that the FOL were getting ready for the book sale on November 7 and 8, 2014. There is a need for volunteers. The FOL will be setting up at the Linn County Fairgrounds on November 5 and 6. They will need help after the sale from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. for cleanup. The bookstores have approximately \$1,000 in sales each month.

The FOL are planning another "Uncorked" event on February 7, 2015, at the Main Library. There is a need for donations. The FOL netted \$7,000 at last year's "Uncorked" event. Peckham commented that the food was excellent and that there was a full house.

Peckham mentioned that the FOL had ice cream, free books, and fire trucks at different locations this past summer.

MANELA INVOICES

None.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Board Member Rosemary Bennett read the minutes from the September 16, 2014, Foundation meeting (see agenda file).

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Gallagher shared that the Sybaris Restaurant owner, Janelle Bennett, had come in to pay for some fines and her husband thought of a fundraiser to raise money to forgive fines for the patrons. Fines currently total over \$40,000 plus. A more reasonable fundraiser would be to cover the fines at Carnegie, approximately \$2,500. On October 26, 2014, Sybaris and the Pix Theater are partnering by having the Grand Budapest menu and then playing the movie at the Pix.

Gallagher mentioned that there are three open staff positions. One position is to hire for a Spanish speaker. On average there are five staff out. Brown asked if there was a good pool of applicants. Gallagher responded that there has been.

Gallagher shared that the City is celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> year. There will be events at City Hall on October 11 and 12, 2014. The Carnegie will be open on October 12, 2014. The Library would like to do another event for the Carnegie's 100 year celebration. Keller mentioned that there will be food and a choir from one of the local high schools at the City event.

Gallagher shared that himself and Greg Roe, United Way President, are working on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project. The project is to raise money for children ages 0-5 to receive a free book every month. This is a successful program through the United States. It may start next fall. He encouraged the Board to Google it to find out more information regarding the project.

Gallagher shared the Library statistics (see agenda file).

Gallagher read a portion of an email from City Attorney Jim Delapoe regarding Library Board public meetings, stating that they "shall be held within the geographic boundaries" and highlighted that "Training sessions may be held outside the jurisdiction as long as no deliberations toward a decision are involved." Discussion followed with regards to having a strategic planning training session and when the next time all three boards (FOL, Library Foundation and Library Board) would be meeting, possibly in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Peckham asked if Gallagher had heard that the state was closing down the state Genealogic records and asked where those records would go. Gallagher does not know if there is a plan on where the collection will go. Salem is streamlining and working on cost saving.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Estate Planning Seminars- Board Member Arwen McGilvra said that the Estate Planning Seminars averaged 20 people. The biggest seminar was the first one with Attorney Dave Beckham. She has received lots of good feedback from the community and would like to see similar programs in the future. The Board Members signed thank you cards for all the speakers. Wheeler thanked McGilvra for all her hard work.
- b) Greater Albany Public Schools (GAPS) family cards- There have been 14 families that have received cards with a total of 52 members. Gallagher said that was a start. The FOL are continuing to work on it. Peckham reported that the Hispanic population has doubled in the past three years. Gallagher added that is one of the reasons the Library will hire a Spanish speaking staff person to reach out into the community more. The Library is working with GAPS and Linn Benton Community College for a literacy grant for the Spanish community at Fairmont school.

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NEXT MEETING DATE: October 28, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Signature on file*

Sheena Dickerman  
Administrative Assistant I

*Signature on file*

Ed Gallagher  
Library Director