



PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Main Library

Approved: **DRAFT**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kim Brown called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present: Bob Brown, Kim Brown, Steve Borst, Ilynn Winn and Jo Ann Yonemura

Committee Members absent: Liz Irish (one vacancy)

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

The Board members went around and introduced themselves to new Board Member Ilynn Winn. Library Director Ed Gallagher thanked her for becoming a Board member. Board Member Winn shared about herself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 28, 2018

MOTION: Member Steve Borst moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Member Bob Brown seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Library Director

5:09 p.m.

Gallagher discussed interview questions for the Assistant Library Director position. He shared that the recent hires Library Assistant Dan Johnson and Librarian I Genna James are good additions. He gave a brief synopsis of the Assistant Director candidates. He commented that a third of the staff has changed since moving to this location. Most have tenures of 10, 20, and 30 years. The Library is in transition.

Gallagher mentioned that author Molly Gloss will be at the Library on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged the Board to promote the event. He gave a brief explanation of the Library's book club program.

Gallagher said that Librarian II April Spisak gave a brief report regarding the Summer Reading Program (SRP). Grants, prizes, and in-kind prizes totaled approximately \$150,000. The prizes included new books and food coupons. He added that there is a children's program every Wednesday.

Gallagher shared that the teen Librarian I Christine Troetschel is working on interesting programs. She is getting eight to ten participants on a regular basis.

Gallagher shared that the Directors, City Council, and Budget Committee will have an all-day retreat on strategic thinking on Monday, October 1. This will help with the biennial budget process. He will keep the Board posted.

Gallagher said that when the new Assistant Director starts, staff will engage in strategic planning for the Library. Board Member Bob Brown asked if the meeting on Monday a community-wide strategic plan is, or if it relates to departments and finances. Gallagher explained it was a broader conversation.

Gallagher added that when the Assistant Director arrives, a Library strategic plan discussion will be scheduled.

Business from the Board

5:32 p.m.

Kim Brown suggested that the Library start a poetry club for teenagers. Board Member Yonemura mentioned that Linn Benton Community College (LBCC) has a poet laureate. Gallagher explained that the library has a close relationship with LBCC's Reference and Instruction Librarian Bryan Miyagishima. Staff can look to partner with them.

Yonemura mentioned Banned Book Week. Gallagher shared that libraries are not big on censorship. Staff will respond to the public if there is an issue and will bring it to the Board to deliberate whether something should be in the collection. Patrons can think for themselves and read what they want.

Winn mentioned to have a poetry program that would appeal to middle-school boys, staff should consider incorporating rap. Gallagher will share with staff.

Gallagher mentioned that Board Member Liz Irish will be moving, and the Board would need a new liaison for the Foundation. Winn suggested that a Friends of the Library member could become apply. Discussion followed.

Board members Steve Borst volunteered to be the liaison at the Foundation meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE: *October 23, 2018*

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Sheena Dickerman
Administrative Assistant I

Ed Gallagher
Library Director