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Library Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

March 17, 2022 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Judeen Bartos at 6:30 pm.
2. Roll call: Judeen Bartos, Meghan Evoy, Kelly Farrah, Amanda Hanlin, Daniel Hooper, Kevin Yezbick. Director Jenny Marr and Recording Secretary Kerrie Patterson also present. Adrienne Fazzolara absent with notice.
3. Approval of agenda:
Motion: Approve the agenda. (Hanlin/second Farrah); passed unanimously.
4. Public comment: None.
5. Minutes: Approve February 17, 2022 regular meeting proposed minutes: (See att.)
Motion: Approve February 17, 2022 regular meeting proposed minutes. (Evoy/second Hanlin); passed unanimously.
6. Director's report: (See att.) Many patrons have stated that the library's printed newsletter is bringing them in. Librarian Ed Burns will have a retirement reception on Sunday, April 24. Ed's last day is April 30. Marr spoke at the city council meeting about 141 Vester project regarding the parking, and is still researching outdoor holds lockers for people to quickly pick up requested items without having to pay (since parking rates are also about to increase). She's also going to reach out to the city's parking department to see about purchasing library dedicate parking spots in anticipation of losing parking due to the Vester project. Landscaping needs to begin soon and Marr wishes for public input, especially since there will be outdoor art. DPW wants to remove the dying tree in the courtyard. Marr is thinking about a small pavilion for shade in the courtyard with a green roof, and will reach out to architect Seth Penchansky for assistance. Rain barrels are also part of that plan.
7. Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of February: Some account codes need correcting.
Motion: Accept the expenditures and finance reports for the month of February. (Hanlin/second Evoy); passed unanimously.
8. Strategic Planning discussion: (See att.) The board will meet at 9 am this Saturday. Assistant Director Jordan Wright will also be in attendance. Marr is adding library advocacy to plan.
9. Board Calendar of Events: (See att.) Budget development is starting soon. Marr has been collecting staff requests. She will also do a RFP for an audit company this year. Yezbick wants to add the Dream Cruise to the schedule reminder.
10. Committee reports:

A. Art & Exhibitions: The committee wishes to start a permanent art collection with art purchased from Ferndale artists. Staff member Jeff Milosevich and Marr looked at the walls to determine which art sizes were needed, how many pieces, etc, and came up with a cost estimate. Since the art rails need to be purchased as well, they proposed \$15,000. These funds would come out of the capital projects budget. Regarding the rotating art and receptions, Hooper shared that artists are lined up until the end of this calendar year.

Motion: Approve purchases up to \$15,000 to purchase art for the library. (Hooper/second Yezbick); passed unanimously.

B. Friends of the FPL: Still collecting cookbook recipes. Book it To Your Couch 5k will have an in-person event in April. Ferndale Project wants to do more programs. Reminder that Friends liaison Ed Burns is retiring soon.

C. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Hanlin is in contact with Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance. Their proposal is more cost effective than previous companies. Their timeframe and availability works for what the board was hoping for. The company did sessions at an MLA Thinkspace and Marr liked them.

D. Finance: Didn't get a chance to meet this month.

E. Personnel: No report.

F. Schools: No report.

11. Committee membership appointments as needed: None.

12. Review action items:

A. Marr will reach out to Seth Penchansky regarding the pavilion and rain barrels.

13. Announcements/comments from board members:

A. Farrah is looking forward to the planning session this Saturday.

B. Bartos wishes everyone a happy Saint Gertrude's Day (patron saint of cats) and for everyone to enjoy any festivities after the meeting.

C. Yezbick often hears from friends and co-workers about things mentioned in the library newsletter, such as the VR headset and the library of things.

14. Adjourn:

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. (Evoy/second Farrah); passed unanimously.

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