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Library Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

July 20, 2023 - 6:30 PM

Board Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Judeen Bartos at 6:31PM.

2. Roll call: Judeen Bartos, Kelly Farrah, Amanda Hanlin, Erin Hooper, Kevin Yezbick.

Adrienne Fazzolara and Meghan Evoy absent with notice.

Director Jenny Marr and Assistant Director/Recording Secretary Jordan Wright also present.

3. Approval of agenda

A MOTION by Hanlin and seconded by Hooper to approve the agenda as presented; passed unanimously

4. Public Comment – *Total time not to exceed 30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker*

A current library employee offered comments on the staffing of the circulation desk at this time.

5. Minutes: Approve June 15, 2023 **regular** meeting

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Farrah to approve the June 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented; passed unanimously

Minutes: Approve June 15, 2023 **closed** session

A MOTION by Hanlin and seconded by Farrah to approve the June 15, 2023 closed session minutes as presented; passed unanimously

6. Director's Report: Jenny Marr

Marr provided an update concerning the ongoing approval process for the new courtyard pavilion project.

If the City does not approve the project, the library is strongly considering seeking approval through the Zoning Board of Appeals.

7. Library Advocacy – informational only

Bartos discussed Library Advocacy Day and provided informational materials to the board on how to advocate for libraries. Hanlin offered that she would be happy to assist in organizing any advocacy efforts.

8. Diversity Audit Proposal

Marr explained what a diversity audit is and how it could help strengthen the library's collections. Diversity audits can be performed by timesaving library-specific products and Marr discussed pricing for Baker and Taylor's diversity audit service. Bartos reminded the board that this proposal would support our strategic plan.

A MOTION by Hanlin and seconded by Farrah to approve the purchase of the proposed diversity audit tools from Baker and Taylor for \$4890

9. Patron Behavior Policy – Update

Marr explained that June's Hide the Pride incident exposed a gap in our Patron Behavior Policy regarding patrons manipulating library displays.

A MOTION by Hooper and seconded by Farrah to approve the proposed addition to the Patron Behavior Policy with final language approved by the library attorney.

10. Dream Cruise Closure Dates

Marr proposes that the library pay staff for the upcoming Dream Cruise closure.

A MOTION by Hanlin and seconded by Yezbick to approve making the 2023 Dream Cruise closure dates of August 18 and 19 paid days off for staff regularly scheduled on those days.

11. Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of June

A MOTION by Hooper and seconded by Farrah to accept the expenditures and finance reports for the month of June; passed unanimously

10. Board Calendar of Events

11. Committee reports

A. Art & Exhibitions – Erin

1. Tiny Art Exhibition was a big success, with 70+ pieces and a great turnout for the reception.

2. Sam Kthar's art is on exhibit thru Aug 26, the opening reception is set for July 27 at 6pm.

3. The library is hosting an art swap on July 29 from 12-3p for pre-registered attendees.

B. Friends of the FPL – Kelly

Meetings are on the 3rd Monday. The Friend's are in a rebuilding phases, but are doing good sales in the store but are running low on stock.

C. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – Amanda

Suggests that Bartos, Marr, and Hanlin should meet to reprioritize.

D. Finance – Judeen and Kevin

Did not meet this month, no report.

E. Personnel –

Bartos and Fazzolarra presented Marr's review to her and consider it closed.

F. Schools –

May and June were busy school outreach months. The youth department has hosted a number of summer school library tours, with over 100 k-4 graders getting tours of the library.

12. Committee membership appointments as needed

None.

13. Review action items

None.

14. Announcements/comments from board members

Hanlin attended the Tuesday Chris Bathgate concert and had a great time.

Bartos attended the Tiny Art exhibit and was impressed by the community's creativity.

Yezbick checked out the metal detector from the library of things and dug up some treasures. He also attended the Tiny Art exhibit and commends the Friends organization for their great food spread.

15. ***Closed Session to be convened – For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing, in accordance with Sec. 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) MCL 15.268.

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Farrah to enter a closed session at 7:06PM.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bartos, Farrah, Hanlin, Hooper, Yezbick

No: 0

Hanlin exited at 8:06pm.

Return from closed session at 8:47PM

16. Adjourn

A MOTION by Hooper and seconded by Farrah to adjourn at 8:48; passed unanimously

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