

Springfield Public Library
Library Advisory Board Meeting Notes
September 5, 2023

Attendees: Emily David, Library Director; Ralene Linneman; Heather Millehrer-Huerta, Chair; Carolyn Rebbert. Vice-Chair; Myra Breen

Guests: Violet Olszyk; Mahala Ruddell; Roy Burling - who are applicants for board positions

The meeting was called to order by Heather at 5:37 PM. We did not have a quorum present so nothing can be voted on.

The only change to the agenda was to add the Passport Program back under unfinished business.

Introduction of Board Applicants: Violet, Mahala, and Roy introduced themselves and told briefly why they want to serve on the board. Current members also introduced themselves. Heather and Angela have reapplied. Robyn's position has been extended from 2 to 4 years to help spread out future openings.

Approval of minutes: Tabled until next meeting as no quorum.

Business from the Audience: None

Communications: None

Library Director's Report: Summer reading was successful. Maybe next year there will be another option than logging into Beanstack. Some people signed up, but never logged in any reading time.

Fine free stats were questioned. Emily was not sure how many are still blocked. Staff have been sending emails to invite people back on expired cards and those who were issued temporary cards but never picked up their permanent card.

The Ready to Read Grant is going to be used to hire a Summer Reading Assistant. If another grant can be secured the position would be longer and continue to help with pop-up library events.

September is National Library Card month. The Slug Queen and Willamalane's squirrel have made appearances in the library to be photographed as well as the mayor and his family.

Unfinished Business:

Passport Program: Staff are working on this. They have contacted the 3 other libraries in our group to see how they handle it. It isn't heavily used. Siuslaw reported 27 users. Cottage Grove 19 and Creswell only 1.

Minute Takers: October – Robyn; November -Susan; December – Myra

"Book Share" Program: Since Susan was absent, Ralene gave an update. Books are ready to be delivered to Gateway Living and Timber Pointe, but she hasn't heard back when they want the delivery. The Boy Scouts have shown interest in helping deliver the tubs. It was decided that we need to have a sub-committee meeting to continue working on this. Emily will send out an e-mail.

Board recruitment Task Force: Robyn has made a trifold for display. She will bring it next meeting. This is an on-going need as there is annual need for new applicants.

Happy Memory Post Cards: Emily has not had time to work on this.

LAB annual report to City Council: Our report has been “bumped” back to November 13 due to the work load of Council. The subcommittee has been working on the presentation and has positive things to report. Heather mentioned that it would be nice if all of the board members could attend.

New Business:

Business from the Audience guidelines draft: The guidelines were discussed, but could not be voted on. Carolyn mentioned that the word “warning” in front of the last point should be removed. We all thought that would be better.

Announcements: Pints for Pages is at Planktown on Sept. 13 from 5-9PM

Halloween at the museum needs volunteers

The program with Dr. Lewis at the Wildish had over 200 attendees

Next meeting is October 3, 2023 at 5:30

Action Items: Set up Book Share subcommittee meeting; vote on business from the audience guidelines and approval of June minutes; Emily will send out a list of volunteers needed for the museum

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralene Linneman