

Library Board Meeting May 15, 2024

Meeting minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance item was omitted as no flag was available.

Roll Call

The roll call was conducted, confirming the presence of board members Donna Medica, Bridget Sorensen, Larry Gonzales, and Allison Pollock. Librarian Brianna Sowinski was present. Tim Schallich, Carol Lofgren, and Nandu Yanna were excused. Ex-officio Robert Kindel was absent due to a conflict. A quorum was confirmed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda, which included the review and approval of April 17, 2024, minutes, and the approval of the May 15, 2024, agenda.

Bridget asked to add an agenda item to discuss celebrating Carol Lofgren's final board meeting. Bridget Sorensen moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition. Larry Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

It was noted that there were no public comments.

Reports

Library Director's Report

Brianna highlighted several points. Summer reading would start on June 1st, with classroom visits at North Plains Elementary and promotional videos being created. A project on digital literacy in collaboration with Washington County and AmeriCorps was discussed. The progress in circulation statistics despite ongoing construction was noted. There were high expectations for an upcoming event featuring an Iranian speaker and Persian cultural elements.

Library Statistics

An 8.6% increase in library circulation for April over last year was reported. Road construction posed challenges but the library maintained growth.

Library Finance Report

There were no notable concerns raised. Budget components and adjustments were summarized, including the Friends of the Library increasing their funding support.

Ongoing Business

Chair Election Update

The Chair election was discussed with a suggestion to nominate Tim for Chair. It was noted that elections would occur in the next meeting and Tim's acceptance of the nomination was pending.

Library Board Opening

It was noted that there would be an upcoming board opening with the departure of Carol in June. The community was encouraged to suggest possible candidates from within the city limits.

Topics for Future Discussion

No immediate topics for future discussion were added during this part of the meeting.

New Business

OLA Conference Overview

An overview of the OLA conference was provided, with highlights including sessions on teen mental health, AI ethics, and the honor library card project. Brianna shared a significant achievement, having received the OYEA! OLA award and positive feedback from the community and peers.

New Digital Navigator Program Overview

The director described initial stages of the Digital Navigator Program in collaboration with Washington County and AmeriCorps. The program aims to improve digital literacy through curriculum development expected to be ready by September.

Announcements & Information

Friends of the Library Update

The Friends of the Library successfully raised funds through a garage sale and discussed the possibility of more sales. They planned to increase funding support by \$2,000.

Approval of Future Meeting Dates

The future meeting date was confirmed to be June 20, 2024. This is a Thursday due to the June 19th holiday on the normal meeting day.

Donna Medica moved to approve the next meeting date as June 20, 2024. Bridget Sorensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously."

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.