

Library Board Meeting
September 27, 2021 6:00 P.M.
Library Meeting Room

Present: Nelson Appell, Doug Holdmeyer, Susan Wehmueller, Diane Lick, Barb Volmert, Leanne Gisburne, Katie Schonaerts, and Carolyn Witt. Laura, The Missourian

Diane called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

Barb moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Leanne and the motion passed. Katie then moved the minutes of the June meeting be approved. Leanne seconded the motion, which passed.

Friends of the Library report: No report, as Patty not in attendance. However, Nelson reported that the Book Sale was success, raising \$3,800. Nelson suggested that we have a smaller sale in the spring, when Scenic holds their second sale. It will be suggested to the Friends.

Library Director's Report:

Statistics & Collections:

An increase in statistics 4% from August 2020 to August 2021.

Passport: Reminder: passports do take up to 18 weeks to be processed at this time.

Meeting room is increasing, though lots of group members have concerns with COVID and often cancel.

HR: The full-time staff person recovering from injury is at ½ time.

Programs:

Storytimes, writer's group, movie club and book clubs are currently meeting in the library. We are taking a cautious approach with increasing our programming.

Take Home Crafts continues to be extremely popular with our patrons! Over 3,000 crafts have been given away this year!

October Programs:

Annual Run to Read race, October 9, 8:00 a.m.

Phyllis Steckel presents: Rocks and Minerals: Natures Beauties. October 14th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Elsenpeter Marionettes: Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Oct. 22, 10:00 a.m.

Library will be partnering with the City's Community Relations Board to sponsor a series of

conversations the last week of September and first week of October. The subject will be homelessness. The Library Director and members of the CRB are taking the American Library Association training and then hosting 6 conversations, which will be a combination in-person and virtual. Dates:

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 10:00am

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 10:00 am

Thursday, Sept. 30, 6:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 7, 1:30 pm

COVID-19: No changes in Mask requirements for the Library.

Masks optional; we offer cloth, re-usable masks if needed.

The Library continues to offer special accommodations such as curbside Pickup/Printing assistance.

No limits on numbers in building.

Meeting rooms are open.

Small donations accepted.

Trainings:

MPLD (Missouri Public Library Directors) in person training
December 2021.

Effective Library Boards webinar series will provide library directors and trustees of all types, budgets and sizes information on board basics including roles and responsibilities, effective board meetings, library policies and the importance of telling your library's story. A webinar, led by Bonnie McKewon from the State Library of Iowa, will provide this.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (available online)

Tuesday, November 9 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:00

Technology:

New Databases: Teen Health and Wellness, Digital Literacy, Financial Literacy. These new electronic resources provided by CARE Funds through the State of Missouri. Also Book Connections. Ebsco App is in the works, featuring databases used in schools. Still working on this.

Facilities:

Parking Lot was resurfaced and several patrons tracked fresh tar into the library. Thank you to our custodial/repair crew for prompt cleanup!

SRL & WPL re-integration within Evergreen Catalog:

Scenic has requested we rejoin SRL's Evergreen Umbrella, since the two systems function as one integrated system. PRO: better resource sharing, books, microscopes, hotspots. Will improve customer service for staff with greater visibility of what is available at SRL. CON: Making sure WPL is searchable as itself for patrons at WPL. Equinox says this will work.

Diane expressed concern that WPL will be represented as another Scenic Branch, rather than the independent public library that we are. She felt there were issues that needed to be resolved.

Sue moved that the Library Director's report be approved. Doug seconded the motion, which carried.

Old Business:

HVAC .. Undetected leaks lead to expensive damages. Still a concern as winter approaches.

Policy Manual Review: Staff has had a first run-through of the document. They will review again and it will be passed on to the Board committee (Diane and Carolyn).

Diane asked about the status of a proposed Story Walk. Still on the back burner, as must be worked through the Park Dept...which was not able to address this during the construction of the pool.

New Business:

Several Board members will not be at October's meeting. If there is no quorum, a December meeting will be needed.

There being no further business, Sue moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Doug seconded the motion, which passed.

Next Meeting: October 25, 2021 at the library .