

Library Board Meeting
April 26th, 2021 6:00 P.M.
Library Meeting Room and ZOOM

Present: Nelson Appell, Lynn Hart, Leon Hove, Greg Skornia, Diane Lick, Leanne Gisburne, Barbara Volmert, Patty Frick, Katie Schonaerts and Carolyn Witt. Laura, The Missourian.

President Jeff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

Leanne moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Diane and the motion passed. Leon then moved the minutes of the March meeting be approved. Barbara seconded the motion, which passed.

Friends of the Library report: The Friends will again sponsor the Children's Summer Reading Program. Leon moved that the report be approved, seconded by Barbara and the motion carried.

Library Director's Report:

Statistics & Collections: The 1-year anniversary of the temporary closure of the library due to COVID-19 has passed, so statistics will compare favorably in a year to year comparison. Twenty-three passports were processed last month.

Programs: After consulting with the City Emergency Manager, the Library will begin doing programs outside. This includes book clubs, writer's group and children's story times during the summer reading program. Zoom will remain an option for poor weather.

Summer Reading Program: Plans for outside storytimes, a kickoff event and closing event in late July (with the Bubble Bus) and some special painting projects (paint and sip).

Dial-A-Story will continue to be updated monthly. The staff has received positive comments on the program.

The library gave away 350 Take Home Crafts in April and this program continues to be extremely popular with our patrons!

COVID-19: The library's policies remain in place. Masks are still required in City buildings. However, there is no longer a staff member on door duty, counting patrons and offering required masks.

Procedures still in force:

Masks are required; we offer cloth, reusable masks for those who do not have them.

No limit of patrons in Library for checkouts/study.

Limit time to 1 -2 hours, if possible. Library may be used for studying, but not in groups.

Small donations accepted.

Quarantine of materials has been removed.

Evergreen statewide courier and local Scenic courier running normal schedules.

Staff have all had the opportunity to get the COVID-19 shots. Thanks to the City for being so supportive of the process.

COVID restrictions did affect library revenue for the reciprocal lending agreement and library's passport processing. Nelson has requested \$24,000 (short fall of library revenue) of the City's funds from the American Recover Plan.

Technology: Online self-pay is scheduled to be enabled at the end of May. Missouri Evergreen will upgrade to version 3.6 on Wednesday, April 28th.

News from the State:

MLA received the 2021 Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award.

MO State Library has received American Rescue Plan Funds, \$3,340,336, to be used by September 30, 2022. The State Library is developing its plan to disburse the funds.

Board of Trustees Openings: There are three openings for board members, as of June 30, 2021. The Mayor and City Administrator are meeting to consider some names. We have one reappointment to be voted on by the City Council in May.

Leon moved that the Librarian's Report be accepted. Katie seconded the motion and it carried.

Unfinished Business: HVAC: Summer is a good season for the HVAC. A third inspection was done and no problems found...yet. Next November will be the big test of the system.

Meeting Room Usage: Library will follow CDC and City guidelines. Carolyn noted that if the library opens the meeting rooms to public use there is no reason to continue Zoom meetings for the Board. It is important that the Board visit the library for Board Meetings and other events, when it is safe.

New Business: None

There being no further business, Leon moved that the meeting be adjourned. Greg seconded the motion, which passed.

Next Meeting: June 28th, 2021 at the library (NO May meeting!)