

## ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 17, 2023

- Present:** Chuck Wells (KF), Cindy DeRosier (KF), Judy Izzo (F.O.L.), Renee Hernandez (KF), Pat Escamilla (Keno), Lois Taysom (Merrill), Katie Walker (Malin), Spider (S.R.), Chris Neterer (Bonanza), Gay Jarvinen (Chiloquin), Nathalie Johnston (Director), Kelley Minty (B.O.C.C.), Cindy Williams (Recorder). Around 65 members of the public were also present in-person and online.
- Call to order:** 12:02 p.m.
- Minutes:** M/S/Approved.
- Branch Reports:** Chris reported that Bonanza will begin construction on a new greenhouse which should be completed by summer.
- Gay reported that Chiloquin's garden should be ready by the end of May. The Friends have purchased plants and soil for the garden.
- Cindy reported that Youth Services staff are getting ready for S.R.P. The new carpet has been installed and staff are busy cleaning and reshelving the collection.
- Judy reported that Friends are finishing up their fiscal year and are working on next year's budget. The Board voted to fund D.P.I.L. next year. They are working on their policies and voted to contribute to Klamath Promise scholarship fund. The Bookie Joint has been a little slow due to the construction on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Non-fiction books are on sale for .25 instead of 1.00. They will not be doing outreach at the Farmer's Market this year since the library is doing a great job at reaching the community for D.P.I.L. signups.
- Renee had received support for the program policies from multiple community members.
- Pat reported that Thursday story times are going well. The Tween book club is very popular. Staff are busy with Summer Reading Program S.R.P. and working on colors of the month for the book displays.
- Katie reported that the community garden is going well and the after-school crafts are popular.
- Lois reported that the stem kits are being used in house and not being checked out for kids at home due to fear of losing pieces. Tutoring is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The garden is doing well and there is high interest for the S.R.P.
- Spider reported that Sprague River usage is about the same. Crafts are still being offered daily. S.R.P. interest is high and they have already printed additional flyers. July 15<sup>th</sup> is the Centennial parade. Patrons appreciate the note added to the dvd cases to report damages. Spider would like to add: "We invite the B.O.C.C. to join us in this redirection effort" to the draft letter.

Chuck read the draft letter that the Advisory Board has written to the B.O.C.C. to respond to the cancellation of the Social Justice Book Club. Chuck reported that they have 5 board members up for renewal at the end of June. So far, only Cindy has applied online. If you want to renew your term you need to fill out the online application.

Director: Natalie reported that attendance is up. Circulation is slightly lower due to the carpet remodel; access to the collection has been limited. All vacant positions have been filled and our staff in-service will be on Friday. All libraries will be closed so that all staff can attend the training. The carpet and janitors closet projects have been completed. Nathalie is waiting for the funds to arrive to purchase the H.V.A.C. system for Sprague River.

D.P.I.L.: 1,713 active kids and 1,843 graduated.

B.O.C.C. Kelley spoke about term limits for the Advisory Board. The members are appointed to 2 four-year terms. After that an exception to policy will need to be approved.  
If community members would like to contact the B.O.C.C. they are encouraged to call, email, or make an appointment to meet with a commissioner. Two-minute public comments are allowed at the weekly business meetings (every Tuesday at 1 pm). If the community would like to discuss this further with the board they can contact the Chair Commissioner DeGroot and the matter may be added to a work session.

Public Comments: Link to recording: <https://klamathlibrary.org/library-advisory-board>

Adjourned: 1:43

Next Meeting: Noon June 21, 2023. In person and Zoom.