

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

June 21, 2023

Present: Chuck Wells (KF), Cindy DeRosier (KF), Judy Izzo (F.O.L.), Renee Hernandez (KF), Pat Escamilla (Keno), Katie Walker (Malin), Spider (S.R.), Chris Neterer (Bonanza), Gay Jarvinen (Chiloquin), Nathalie Johnston (Director), Kelley Minty (B.O.C.C.), Cindy Williams (Recorder). Applicants: Jennifer Cole, Lindsay Silver, and Becky Donahoe (Late), Carrie Ann Wilcox (Absent). Guests: Walt Lucas, Madeleine Blake, Rich Bergstrom, Michael Fitzgerald, Jonathan Chenjeri, Sandy Coucit, Lois Taysom, Christina Pasillas.

Call to order: 12:02 p.m.

Minutes: M/S/Approved.

New Business: The Library Advisory Board (board) asked the potential applicants to introduce themselves and asked questions. Jennifer Cole has lived in the Klamath area for 29 years and currently lives in Keno. She retired today as a teacher and thinks the library is an anchor to the community and is an avid reader.

Lindsay Silver is a substitute teacher and grant writer who moved to Klamath Falls five years ago from Montana. Lindsay is a library supporter and is invested in the community.

The Library Advisory Board will have 2 vacancies for Klamath (Chuck Wells and Cindy DeRosier) and one for Keno (Pat Escamilla). The board reviewed 3 applications for Klamath Falls and one for Keno. Pat made a motion to appoint Jennifer Cole and Lindsay Silver to the board. Cindy seconded. Motion approved. Jennifer is the only candidate for Keno. The board recommend that the Library Board of Directors interviews the 3 candidates for the 2 open positions in Klamath Falls.

The board also has vacancies for Chemult/Gilchrist and Merrill. The positions for Chiloquin and Sprague River will expired on July 1st. We did not receive applicants for these positions.

A new chair will be elected in July after the new candidates are appointed.

The board discussed the Pride book display challenge, and a committee was formed: Chuck, Cindy, Chris, Pat, and Renee will meet tomorrow and respond to the Request for Reconsideration. The response will then be submitted to our liaison Commissioner Minty for approval before sending to the person who made the challenge.

Branch Reports: Chris reported that the SRP (Summer Reading Program) started yesterday in Bonanza. Magician Seth Howard presented and 48 attended. Construction on the greenhouse should begin soon. I.Y.S. (Integral Youth Services) distributed lunches and 25 were handed out. Next week Hands on Critters will be the S.R.P program. Craft kits are handed out on Thursdays. Privacy panels are being installed on desks and Nathalie added that electrical outlets will also be installed.

Chemult/Gilchrist still has a vacancy and Chuck and Nathalie asked the board to help find an applicant.

Gay reported that Chiloquin is doing well. The garden is looking good, but they lost an apple tree to a gopher. SRP starts today and I.Y.S. gave out lunches yesterday. IYS policy states that, for safety reason, they must discard any leftover lunches. Computer use is high, and people are printing a lot.

Pat reported for Keno. I.Y.S. gave out lunches yesterday. They are at the branch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. Produce Connection distributes food on Thursdays. Glass artist Cory Brooksher will be at the branch on June 22, and Yuki Martin presented an origami for all ages program on June 20. The Teen book club is very popular, and they distribute crafts related to the book title. The book theme this month is "By the Sea" and the color theme is blue!

Cindy reported that the Main Library calendar is full of events and SRP started this week with a live program today. The library is full of kids. Today's presenter was magician Seth Howard and next week will be glass artist Cory Brooksher. Cindy recommended that members pick up an adult SRP bingo card. Karl Wenner will be giving a presentation at the Quarterly meeting today at 2 p.m.

Katie reported for both Malin and Merrill. SRP attendance for Malin was 40 and Magician Seth Howard will be in Merrill today. Use of the materials purchased by Rotary Club is high. There have been some parking issues due to construction in the area.

Nathalie reported that the South Suburban branch received a Step-up Grant. It is a two-year program, and they meet once a week to walk. Participants receive a free Fit Bit. The branch is very busy, and they have a summer intern this year.

Spider reported that SRP performer for Thursday is magician Seth Howard. Books on display are magic themed and will rotate to coordinate with the performers theme. They are having issues with the printer it is printing black lines on the paper.

Judy reported that the Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting is at 2 p.m. with Karl Wenner who will present "Water Wise Agriculture". The board has completed their budget for the fiscal year and is solvent. Elections will be held today to elect the officers for the board.

Renee asked if it would be possible for the library to host musical performances. Nathalie said yes and Renee should contact the Adult Services staff. Her daughter is visiting Klamath Falls and is impressed with our library and the services offered.

Director:

Attendance is higher, but circulation of physical materials is a little lower. Digital use of materials is increasing. Youth Services is very busy with SRP Find your Voice started today and runs through the end of August. The calendar is full of activities and the first Chess club for kids had 20 kids show up. We will host Storytimes in the Park every week.

We will have an opening in Circulation at the end of July. We are getting 2 summer interns: One from the Basin Partners Internship Program and one funded by the State Library of Oregon.

Library Program policy. I met with commissioner Minty, and we are trying to find a solution that will enable the library to fulfill its mission while following the guidelines of the American Library Association the and the Library Board of Directors (BOCC)

Library project: Carpet project is over: All furniture and collections are back where they belong. We rearranged the periodicals area.

The garden deck is open from 10-4:30 p.m. The Library Foundation funded the flower planting and the Garden Club is maintaining.

Grant from the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management (Oregon Department of Human Services) to retrofit the HVAC system at Sprague River. The grant was approved, and the IGA is signed. We received the check yesterday and will be hiring a contractor after B.O.C.C. approval.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library: 1,756 active children, 1,891 graduated.

B.O.C.C. Kelley and Nathalie will work together on finding a solution to the program policy issue. She is committed to holding programs in the library and is confident that they will be able to adjust the policy. Programs are very important to the community. Kelley thanked the Library Advisory Board members for their service.

Adjourned: 1:29

Next Meeting: Noon July 19, 2023. In person and Zoom.