

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

April 19th, 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), Cindy Williams (Recorder).
- Call to order: 12:05 p.m.
- Minutes: M/S/Approved.
- Branch Reports: Judy is watching the progress on the Senate Imagination Library Project bill. It would fund early literacy learning for ages 4-kindergarten. If there were additional funding leftover it would fund lower ages for the project. Judy is also watching Senate bill 3198 which is now in the Ways and Means committee. The bill would fund literacy coaching programs for children in foster care, disadvantaged youth, and minorities that are underserved. The age group would be birth to kindergarten and the funding is about 10 million dollars biannual. The F.O.L. have their volunteer coordinator back and will hold a Volunteer Appreciation event this spring.
- Gay reported several issues in Chiloquin: The cleaning lady that C.V.I.P. hired waxed the library floors and finished late. There was a very strong odor when Deborah opened. She finished over the weekend and was late cleaning on Saturday morning so that when the library opened the floors were still wet. The Friends will purchase two new chairs to replace the old, damaged ones. The copier is so old the company is increasing the maintenance fee and will no longer have parts to fix it. The Friends decided to cancel the contract. The Juvenile section is full and Nathalie will send a weeding list when she gets a chance. The branch is busy with a lot of kids attending. The Friends have changed the date for their Quarterly meeting and have 6 people attending.
- Pat reported that things are going well in Keno. Storytimes are held every Thursday and the Tweens are having a great time with crafts and games. Saturday is movie night, and the following Saturday is the Annual Tea Party. The open house was well attended.
- Cindy reported that she would like to give out D.P.I.L. registration forms at the next Retired Educators meeting. She only had one copy with her at their last meeting. Nathalie will make sure that she has more forms. There is a QR code on the form to make it easy for parents to register online. More reading specialists are needed for the school districts.
- Chris reported that the Bonanza branch is very busy. They perform outreach to 10 classes per week and visit Head Start. Storytimes are on Tuesdays. A cursive writing class will be held on Thursdays. An adult cooking class with Connie Masten is very popular. Lots of adults are using computers and the copy machine. Chris added that the Canby School District temporarily removed 16 books after two parents complained.

Spider reported that is has been slow in Sprague River due to the bad weather. They are holding craft projects twice a month all day to accommodate children. Staff are busy working on S.R.P. crafts and have already had to make extra copies of the schedule. Parents are excited for the performances. They are continually adding to the History Wall. Free lunches start in June.

Lois reported that Merrill is busy working on the Gun Safety program for July 29th. Christa is also still working on Meals and Wheels and looking for volunteers.

Katie reported that a new roof will be installed at the end of May or beginning of June. It should take three or four days and they should not have to close the building.

Renee had no report.

Chuck attended the budget hearing yesterday.

Director:

Natalie reported that the new carpet is being installed. The program room has been finished. Next area to work on is Y.S. and the conference room. Staff remove the books, maintenance move the bookshelves, and then the carpet is installed. The Y.S. area will need to be closed to the public for 2 or 3 days for the installation. Staff are busy dusting and cleaning during the move. The janitor's closet is almost finished. The sink and dishwasher were installed today. March circulation is high and Y.S. stats are the highest they have ever been. The S.S. and Sprague River branches are slightly lower. Branches that are holding programs clearly increase their circulation of materials.

The budget hearing went very well and there were no questions. The board was very supportive, and we received positive feedback.

Klamath County is working on a strategic plan with Moss Adams. They are interviewing Department Heads and all county employees have received a survey to complete. The library will be working on our strategic plan soon.

April 23-29 is National Library week and free library replacement cards are available. We are sending 6 staff members to the Oregon Library Association conference in Bend. They will give a 10-to-15-minute presentation at the full staff meeting in May. A mandatory reporter training session will be given by a D.H.S. staff member.

Nathalie signed the I.G.A. for the new H.V.A.C. system for Sprague River. She is still working on the requirements to receive the funds.

Nathalie and Charla will interview a staff member for the open Y.S. full time position next week.

Adjourned: 12:58

Next Meeting: Noon May 17, 2023. In person and Zoom.