

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

July 19, 2023

- Present:** Cindy DeRosier (KF), Renee Hernandez (KF), Pat Escamilla (Keno), Katie Walker (Malin), Spider (S.R.), Chris Neterer (Bonanza), Gay Jarvinen (Chiloquin), Nathalie Johnston (Director), Cindy Williams (Recorder). Applicants: Lindsay Silver, and Becky Donahoe.
- Call to order:** 12:08 p.m.
- Minutes:** M/S/Approved.
- New Business:** Chris made a motion to approve Gay Jarvinen and Spider's reappointment to the Library Advisory board. Pat seconded. Approved. Gay and Spider are willing to serve another term since there are no applicants from Chiloquin or Sprague River.
We are waiting to hear from the BOCC regarding the candidates for the Klamath Falls and Keno positions.
The board would like a copy of the set of questions the BOCC will use to interview applicants.
- Branch Reports:** Chris reported that the greenhouse has been completed and looks amazing. 100 kids have signed up for the S.R.P. The origami program will be held today and Hands on Critters was very popular with kids!
- Gay reported that it is busy in Chiloquin. The origami program will be held today. The apple tree was replaced, and the garden is doing well. The Friends are having a problem with their calendar fundraising event. The prices have increased, and they are reaching out to advertisers to see if it will continue. If not, they will run out of money in the next year or two. They are replacing two chairs in the library.
- Pat reported that there are lots of kids for the S.R.P. in Keno. It is very busy, and the parking lot is full! The origami program will be held tomorrow and Hands on Critters next week. The teen book club is slow due to summer. Pat is impressed with all the activities and programs. She visited Sprague River and is impressed by their library. There were lots of children doing crafts!
- Cindy reported that the calendar is full of activities and passed around the S.R.P. prize flyer. She is very happy with the library's effort to support children's literacy. Nathalie is thankful for the many teen volunteers who assist with the program.
- Katie reported that the roof is almost finished. There are so many grasshoppers that people have complained. S.R.P. is going well and the Police Chief stopped by to visit. The garden is going well, and they are giving away lots of vegetables.
- Nathalie reported that the South Suburban library is very busy with S.R.P. The Klamath Kruse was well attended. Lots of volunteers helped with crafts. They have a flower garden and a play area for kids. Since Lindsay lives in that area Nathalie suggested that if she is appointed, she can report for the S.S. area.
- Spider reported that the S.R.P. is going great. 30 kids attended the Hands on Critters program. James the presenter was very patient with all the children.

Origami program next week. The circulation is good, and crafts are popular. The number of children is up and down for free lunches. The Sprague River Centennial celebration went very well last week.

Renee is out of town and thanked the members of the board for their service.

Nathalie reported for Judy. The Friends held an appreciation event for the Bookie Joint. Next week they are meeting with the Oregon Children's Fund. D.P.I.L. costs \$1,800 per month to fund so they are always looking for funding. They will have a table at the Farmer's Market to recruit members and promote the library.

Director:

Attendance is up, but youth materials circulation is down. The digital collection circulation rate is higher. Because of the popularity of the Hoopla program and its cost (it is a pay-per-use program_ the library had to update the check-out limit from 10 to 5. South and Bonanza's circulation is lower possible due to the longer county school year.

872 kids are registered for the S.R.P. Gilchrist had 3 kids registered for the first time! The smaller communities are signing up lots of kids.

The 3D printing classes starts in August and Spark Joy program will be held on 8/5/23. The adult book club has been renamed the Real Reads Book Club. Staff will facilitate the programs, but not moderate. Nathalie will send rules of discussion to board members.

Nathalie has written a Library Advisory Board Member Handbook which includes the procedure for request for reconsideration. She is waiting to hear from County counsel and for approval from the BOCC before distributing to the LAB.

All staff vacant positions have been filled.

Klamath County has a new leave policy regarding full and half-time employees. Employees will now use PTO (Paid Time Off) instead of separating sick time, vacation, and floating holidays. This may impact the budget next year because staff will be able to cash up to 40 hours of unused PTO at 80% of their pay. It will be especially difficult for the Law Library because they have a very tight budget.

Next week Nathalie will go before the BOCC to get approval for a quote for a new HVAC system at the Sprague River.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library: 1,791 active children, 1,928 graduated.

Adjourned:

12:55 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Noon August 16, 2023. In person and Zoom.