

Call to Order

Hadi Dudley, Library Director, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Library Advisory Board Members

Michelle Evans, Matthew Moses, Kimberly Seay, Cynthia Cochran, Megan Bolinder, Teresa Stafford, Octavio Sanchez, Hadi Dudley, and Vira Kousol

Approval of March 1, 2023 Minutes

The group reviewed the minutes from the March 1, 2023 meeting. Cynthia Cochran moved, and Michelle Evans seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. The March 1, 2023 board minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. Hadi Dudley gave Bentonville Library Report
 - a. 150 Years – BPL participation
 - i. Library card design contest: winning design selected; will publish a brief winner announcement next week with design unveiling at GeekCon
 - ii. Tiny Art Show on display throughout the month of April
 - iii. Special coin collection on display, featuring currency from the 1870s
 - iv. Happy Birthday storytimes during the week of April 3
 - b. Lil' Library in the Park
 - i. Dedication plans for Tuesday, April 11 at 1 PM
 - ii. Location: Lake Bentonville Park
 - c. Hadi Dudley provided library expansion updates
 - i. Flintco \$12.9M contract approved by City Council on March 14
 - ii. Construction teams are mobilizing to the library site this week and next week
 - iii. Groundbreaking ceremony: Thursday, April 27, at 1 PM
2. Library Events: volunteers needed
 - a. First Friday: Friday, April 7 at 3 PM – 9 PM
 - b. An evening with Dick Lehr, Tuesday, April 18 at 6 PM
 - i. Books will be available for purchase at the event and signing
 - c. Bentonville Together Multicultural Festival: Saturday, April 29 at 4 PM – 9 PM
 - i. Location: Orchards Park
 - d. Bentonville GeekCon: Saturday, May 6 at 10 AM – 1 PM
 - e. Bike & Book Fest: Saturday, July 1 at 9 AM-Noon
3. Library Service Awards
 - a. Emerging Leader Award candidates and committee recommendation
 - i. The board committee selected Parishee Bajaj as this year's recipient of the Emerging Leader Award. Members of the board approved the committee's selection.
4. The board reviewed the Donor naming list. Cynthia Cochran moved, and Kimberly Seay seconded to approve the donor naming list as presented.
 - a. Chitra Krishna and Krishna Munuswamy: iPad Station
 - b. Harrison and Rhonda French family: Wellness Room
5. Other Business: Hadi Dudley and board members briefly discussed Arkansas Senate Bill 81 (SB81). Hadi and her librarian team are meeting with legal staff, Bonnie Bridges, to discuss any impact it may have on

our Library. It will require some revisions to the Library's Policy Manual, primarily the Collection Development policy. We have 90 days after the legislative session ends to implement anything that is impacted by this bill. The policy revisions will be sent to the library advisory board in May and approved at the board's meeting on June 7.

6. Hadi Dudley provided the Friends of the Library Report
 - a. Successful Spring Book Sale with over \$6,000 raised!
 - b. Financials for February include: Book Store Sales, Amazon Sales, Memberships, and miscellaneous
 - i. Total Revenue for February - \$4,001.31
 - ii. Expenses for February - \$0
 - c. Financials for March include: Spring Book Sales, Book Store Sales, Amazon Sales, Memberships, and miscellaneous
 - i. Total Revenue for March - \$9,617.50
 - ii. Expenses for March - \$1,573.24
 1. Including FOL supplies; author's framing; BPL Book Club supplies; and BPL adult volunteer gifts
 - d. Year to Date Revenue - \$15,869.77
 - e. Year to Date Expenses - \$22,332.52
 - i. Examples: Pre-paid commitments to BPL (Summer Reading Program, Author visits, and GeekCon); Teen and Children Book Clubs; Storage facility rent
 - f. Total on deposit 3/31/2023 - \$23,087.98
 - g. Membership involvement – Between Friends, 3rd Wednesday of each month, 10 AM in the Sunroom, next meeting April 19
 - h. Next Book Sale is the annual Children's and Educator's Sale on July 27 – 29.
7. Teresa Stafford provided the Library Foundation Report
 - a. 2023 totals
 - i. Total donations = 107
 - ii. Total dollars = \$1,888,502.53
 - b. Building Fund to date:
 - i. \$10,831,822 – total amount committed
 - ii. \$15,331,822 – includes the \$4.5 million bond money
 - c. Additional appeal
 - i. Spring appeal
 1. \$8,498 raised
 2. \$5,186 designated to Mary Baggett Book Club Lounge
 - ii. April 4 is Library Giving Day
 - iii. Continued funding is needed to close the \$1.4 million gap
 - iv. Ongoing meetings with multiple prospective individuals and corporate donors continue
 - d. The next BLF board meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2023.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 1 PM

Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 1:49 pm.