

Call to Order

Hadi Dudley, Library Director, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Library Advisory Board Members

Michelle Evans, Matthew Moses, Kimberly Seay, Michele Stamps Pritchett, Cynthia Cochran, Nathan Pollet, Megan Bolinder, Teresa Stafford, Judy Marquess, Octavio Sanchez, Hadi Dudley, Vira Kousol, Bonnie Bridges

Guest: Mayor Stephanie Orman

Approval of February 8, 2023 Minutes

The group reviewed the minutes from the February 8, 2023 meeting. Cynthia Cochran moved, and Kimberly Seay seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. The February 8, 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: Judy Marquess is the advisory board representative for the judging panel. Submissions are due March 6 at 8 PM.
 - ii. Tiny Art Show registration opened on March 1; art will be displayed throughout the month of April.
 - b. Li'l Library in the Park
 - i. Unveiling canceled for Monday, March 6 at 1 PM. We will announce the dedication date after it is installed.
 - c. Hadi Dudley provided library expansion updates
 - i. We are on-budget which allowed us to pick up a few more alternates that we could not afford before.
 - ii. Preparing guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for City Council approval, planning for March 14, as well as budget adjustment for donations from the foundation
 - iii. Groundbreaking date: Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 1 PM
2. The board reviewed the library policies. Cynthia Cochran moved, and Megan Bolinder seconded, to approve all the library policies as presented. The policies were approved as presented.
3. Library Service Awards
 - a. The board reviewed Distinguished Service Award nominees shared by Hadi. Michelle Evans moved, and Matthew Moses seconded, to award BPL's Distinguished Service Award to Judy Marquess and Jeanne Lombardo. The awards were approved as presented.
 - b. Emerging Leader Award candidates
 - i. Three candidates identified by BPL staff
 - ii. Timeline: committee review of candidates in March; present awardee's name on April 5 for Library Advisory Board approval
4. The board reviewed the donor naming list. Kimberly Seay moved, and Michele Stamps Pritchett seconded, to approve the donor naming list as presented. The naming list was approved as presented.
 - a. Jana and John Ecrette: Community Gathering Space
 - b. Friends of the Bentonville Library: Individual Study Room

- c. Walmart Foundation: Community Room and Public Veranda
 - d. Kimberly Seay and Cynthia Cochran approved the addition of Mary Baggett: Book Club Lounge
- 5. Judy Marquess gave Friends of the Library Report
 - a. No financial report for February
 - b. More than 50 boxes of books were donated from ReaderLink
 - c. Semi-Annual Spring Book Sale, March 30 – April 1
- 6. Teresa Stafford provided the Library Foundation Report
 - a. 2023 totals
 - i. Total donations = 61
 - ii. Total dollars = \$1,658,654.42
 - 1. Includes \$1.5 million from the Walmart Foundation
 - b. Building Fund to date:
 - i. \$10,807.772
 - ii. \$15,307,772 – includes the \$4.5 million bond money
 - c. Spring mass appeal
 - i. Mail February 22
 - ii. Focused on the Mary Baggett Book Club Lounge
 - iii. Continued funding is needed to close the \$1.4 million gap
 - iv. Ongoing meetings with multiple prospective individual and corporate donors continue
 - d. Annual Donor Appreciation Lunch Sunday, February 26
 - i. Invitation-only event for donors
 - ii. Flintco sponsored
 - iii. 71 guests attended
 - iv. Presentation in collaboration with the Bentonville History Museum
 - e. The next BLF board meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2023.
- 7. City of Bentonville: Mayor Stephanie Orman invited the Library Advisory Board to a special volunteer appreciation night during the City of Bentonville’s State of the City community event. The program is scheduled for Thursday, April 6 at the Bentonville Community Center. Networking opportunity begins at 6 PM with the program starting at 6:30 PM. The Mayor also discussed a few 150-year celebration plans.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 1 PM, BPL Rotary Room

Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 1:56 PM.