

Call to Order

Hadi Dudley, Library Director, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Library Advisory Board Members present in-person and online

Megan Bolinder, Michelle Evans, Matthew Moses, Michelle Stamps Pritchett, Judy Marquess, Octavio Sanchez, Nathan Pollet, Teresa Stafford, Hadi Dudley, Vira Kousol, Christina Clark, Jess Pendergrass, and Bonnie Bridges.

Location: Bentonville Public Library Walmart Room and via Zoom

Approval of May 4, 2022 Minutes

The group reviewed the minutes from the May 4, 2022 meeting. Michelle Evans moved, Michelle Stamps Pritchett seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. The May 4, 2022, board minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. Bentonville Summer Reading Club Overview by Christina Clark, BPL Children's Librarian
 - a. Theme: Oceans of Possibilities
 - i. Summer Reading Club officially started last Friday, which was also the first day of summer vacation for BPS.
 - ii. On Friday alone, 954 people registered to participate.
 - iii. As of June 1 at 12 PM, 1,963 people have registered, which include:
 1. Children – 1,131
 2. Teens – 237
 3. Adults – 595
 - iv. As a comparison in 2021, just over 1400 people registered to participate over the course of the entire summer: 400 away from pre-pandemic registration numbers.
 - b. Programs - Big events include:
 1. A performance of Pinocchio by Opera in the Ozarks
 2. A children's performance by Trike Theatre called Mariposa/Butterfly
 3. Magician Tommy Terrific
 4. Workshops, crafts, storytimes, movies, bookclubs, and much more
 - c. Free Summer Lunches for kids 18 and under
 - i. Starts June 6 and continues through July 29
 - ii. Monday – Friday, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on library veranda
 - iii. Download Nutrislice app to see the daily menu
2. Hadi Dudley provided the Bentonville Public Library Report
 - a. Expansion update
 - i. Foundation recently hosted event to update attendees about fundraising and revealed a special announcement
 - ii. Big Reveal Presentation available online
 - b. Technology update
 - i. selfCheck terminals expected in May or end of June
 - c. Personnel update – we have two part-time positions filled in adult, and we still have 2 part-time positions open in children for evenings and Saturdays
 - d. Programs and services update

- i. Marketing: Annual Report 2021 is pending public distribution
 - ii. Library Policy Manual
 - 1. Timeline: summertime distribution for a “reading assignment” for Library Advisory Board
 - 2. Goal is for library staff to have the updated library policy manual ready in July, with Board members reviewing in August
 - 3. September is the target to discuss revisions to the policy manual
- 3. Judy Marquess provided Friends of the Library Report
 - a. Several substantial donations from Readerlink
 - i. Majority going to the library collection and resources
 - ii. Increased sales in book store
 - b. Next book sale – Children’s Books July 28 – 30
 - i. Thursday, July 28 Educators’ only day
 - ii. Thursday, July 28 evening Friends members preview sale
 - iii. July 29 – 30 open to the public
 - c. Financial for May not yet available
 - i. Support provided for:
 - 1. Summer Reading Program, prizes for children, teens and adults
- 4. Teresa Stafford provided the Bentonville Library Foundation Report
 - a. 2022 totals
 - i. Total donations = 121
 - ii. Total dollars = \$115,765
 - iii. Building Fund (cash in) = \$836,615
 - 1. Building Fund (includes commitments) = \$7,342,638
 - 2. BLF remaining to goal = \$3,157,362
 - 3. Ongoing meeting with prospective lead donors continue
 - b. Wednesday, May 18th Big Reveal
 - i. BLF announced our campaign “champion” – Anthony Soohoo, Walmart leadership
 - c. The next BLF board meeting scheduled for July 11, 2022
 - i. Added 2 new board members:
 - 1. Terry Coberly / Former Mayor
 - 2. Ida Fineberg / Fineberg Real Estate

The Library Advisory Board will meet Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 1 pm, BPL Walmart Room (in-person only/group photo planned)

Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 1:32 pm.