

Library Advisory Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 1 p.m.

Attendees: Aaron Jones, Kimberly Seay, Melissa Godoy, Judy Marquess, Chuck Pribbernow, Teresa Stafford, Octavio Sanchez, Hadi Dudley, and Michelle Vargas

Call to Order

Hadi Dudley, Library Director, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of April 4, 2018 Minutes

The group reviewed the minutes from the April 4, 2018 meeting. Kimberly Seay moved, Judy Marquess seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. The April 4, 2018 board minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. Hadi gave the Library report.
 - a. Library Advisory Board discussed Bentonville's Youth Literature Festival.
 - i. Kids were excited at the school visits. Good reports from everyone.
 - ii. Creekside 1st graders put on performance based on Mary Casanova and Ard Hoyt's book.
 - iii. People enjoyed the setting for book signings this year.
 - iv. LAB discussed things that could be approved for next year.
 - b. Bentonville GeekCon Saturday, May 5, 2018.
 - i. Great line up of talent for the event.
 - ii. Melissa has received nearly \$13,000 of donations.
 1. Donations from Popchips, Rubies Costumes, and others.
 2. Melissa had contacted Disney, Warner Brothers, and Nickelodeon. They already had commitments for Bentonville Film Festival, but said they would be able to do more for future GeekCons.
 - c. New York Times Bestselling Author Lisa Wingate will begin her Arkansas book tour at Bentonville Public Library Saturday, June 2.
 - i. The tour is put on by the Arkansas State Library's *If All Arkansas Read the Same Book* project.
 - ii. Co-hosting the event with Bella Vista Public Library.
 - iii. Doors open and book sales at 11 a.m. Presentation at noon with book signing following.
 - d. Hadi gave the personnel update.
 - i. One open position for evenings 4-8:30 p.m.
 - ii. One part time position in circulation and one part time position in children's filled. Expecting two part-time positions to be filled in the next few months.
 - e. 2017 Annual report is out.
 - i. Features of 2017 included the renovations and shifting project and BPL's contributions at the Arkansas Library Conference.
 - ii. BPL had a 7% increase overall in 2017.
2. Hadi discussed the Library Advisory Board's Library Service Award Category: Emerging Leader.

- a. Board reviewed the criteria for the award.
 - i. Young adult between 12-19 years of age (during their library service). Recipients may be retroactively honored following high school graduation.
 - ii. A current or former staff member, library volunteer or participant in one of the library's stakeholder groups such as Library Advisory Board, Teen Advisory Board, Bentonville Library Foundation or Friends of the Library.
 - iii. Service through significant work and achievements that substantially impacts library services to our community, with special emphasis on work that benefits youth.
 - b. Library Advisory Board will choose recipient based on a small committee of BPL Librarians whom will identify and propose potential candidates.
 - c. Library Advisory Board will discuss candidates in June.
3. Chuck gave the Friends' Report.
- a. Spring Used Book Sale was a success.
 - i. Book sales \$3325
 - ii. Memberships \$615
 - iii. Donations \$76
 - iv. Over 25% over 2017- best book sale ever.
 - b. April total on deposit is \$29,467 with commitments of \$20,088.
 - c. Friends had four applicants for the Friends of the Library scholarships. Decided to give all four applicants a scholarship of \$500 each.
 - d. ReaderLink gave significant donation that helped boost book sale.
 - i. They gave 35 more cases of books recently. Half Adult, half juvenile.
 - e. Carie is taking over as bookstore manager. Using new software to help manage shifts.
 - f. Chuck will be in charge of fall book sale.
 - g. Scholastic book sale scheduled for June 6-9. They have refreshed their selection of books.
 - h. Friends' April meeting was at In Season.
4. Teresa gave Foundation report.
- a. Gifts YTD are \$27,357 as of May 1.
 - b. Bentonville Library Foundation awarded three \$1000 scholarships. Added 1 this year. Presentation of scholarships at Bentonville West.
 - c. School donations from Youth Literature Festival \$4,550 with one \$250 still outstanding.
 - i. Ticket sales from author dinner was \$355.
 - d. Bentonville Library Foundation meets Monday, May 14.
 - i. Currently two open seats.
 - ii. One candidate interview on 4/30.
 - iii. Interview for new applicant scheduled.
 - iv. Governance committee will call for a vote at the meeting for interviewees.
 - e. Spring appeal mailed on April 12.
 - i. Spring appeal mailed to past BLF donors who did not reply to the 2017 end of year appeal.
 - ii. Appeal also sent to 2,500 library patrons.
 - iii. Spring appeal focused on YLF and the dual ownership of BPL with the Foundation and the City.
 - f. Booked for the Evening scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 at Tavola.

The Library Advisory Board will meet June 6, 2018 at 1 p.m. in the Tate Haney Conference Room.

Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 2:06 p.m.