



Library Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, February 18

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12:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:02pm

Members Present: Trevor Pearson, Kara Murphy, Mary Ann Tempestini, Martha Knuth, Bill Conway, Jim Dehaven, Felix Lohitai, Liz Allen, Julie Boam

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Sheryl Thomas, Jessica Church, Blane Dessy, Marcus Yuille, Alyssa Johnson, Deana Cooper, Wally Faas, Correy Connelly, John Euliano, Randalee Gross, Andrew Horton, Andrew Miller, Anitra Gates.

2. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2021

Bill motioned to approve, Kara second, all aye.

3. Library Reports

a. Report of Director

Blane introduced Andre Horton to the board as their new county council liaison.

Discussed operations with the health department and their intent to use library parking lots as possible vaccination sites for mobile units. Health department may have need for clerical staff to perform data entry and other support to vaccination efforts.

The library will participate in “All of Us” medical research project—they are recruiting individuals to submit health and DNA information to database; more info will be shared in the future on this multi-year effort.

Capital Projects Overview: Internet Lab Move, status of the Millcreek Project, update on the Edinboro Project, the new 2021 Keystone Grant application for Blasco infrastructure (restrooms/elevators), and the Children’s Room project (in collaboration with the Foundation).

b. Review of Financial Report *attachment

Deana shared that there is not much to report for January, being the first month of the year. Finance department is still preparing the year-end reports from 2020.

c. Statistical and Other Reports

Sheryl reviewed the January 2021 statistics noting an increase in digital and bookmobile checkouts over the previous year. She attributed the rise in bookmobile checkouts to the new routes which launched January 19. Kara asked about the status of the new bookmobile. Marcus relayed that ECPL is still awaiting the title, coming from Ohio, the addition of snow tires, and a recall. He is hoping for a March launch.

d. Report of District Consultant *attachment

Jessica provided information on several district initiatives including:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) & ICF Financial Literacy Study
Annual Reports for all libraries in the Erie-Crawford Library District
SNOE: Individual Library Health Assessments

e. Library Staff Reports

i. Strategic Plan (Sheryl Thomas, Marcus Yuille) *attachment

Presented the strategic plan for endorsement by the board. Motion by Martha, second by Trevor, all aye.

ii. EDI Plan (Marcus Yuille, Correy Connelly) *attachment

Presented the EDI Committee Report for endorsement by the board. Motion by Trevor, second by Bill, all aye. Blane mentioned that 1 in 4 library staff participated in the committee. Martha complimented Marcus for his leadership in this initiative. Andre expressed his pride that Blasco Library resides in his district and his support of the report.

iii. Community College Proposal (Sheryl Thomas)

Sheryl is compiling information to submit a proposal on services the library could provide to the future Erie Community College, will present at a future board meeting.

iv. Oral History Project (Andrew Miller) *attachment

Andrew explained ECPL's oral history project, highlighting the invited speakers. He noted the shift toward digital collections for local history preservation and stated this is our first foray into contemporary histories.

v. Diversity Audits (Anitra Gates)

Anitra provided an overview of the diversity audits underway at ECPL. Adult fiction, picture books are underway now. Young Adults was completed last year and revealed that 81% of that collection had titles with a white main character, less than 1% featured a First Nation or Hispanic character.

4. Board and Committee Reports

a. Report of County Council Liaison

Andre offered his support and willingness to make connections for the library's needs. Shared contact information with participants.

b. Report of Friends and ERLF

Friends representative, Wally Faas, reported that the friends are exploring how to secure alternative funding (how to make money in a pandemic), are forming their own EDI committee led by Kathleen Horan, and are looking to host sidewalk book sale events.

5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. New Business

None.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:18pm.

News articles included as appendix to agenda.