



Library Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, April 21, 2022

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12:00 pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Liz Allen, Trevor Pearson, Mary Ann Tempestini, Martha Knuth, Bill Conway

Members Absent: Julie Boam, Quyen Aoh, Ann Rosenthal (excused)

Others Present: Alyssa Johnson, Courtney Baran, Deana Cooper, Karen Pierce, Jessica Church, Sheryl Thomas

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – February minutes and March (no quorum minutes)

Minutes were approved by motion of Martha and seconded by Bill. All aye.

3. Library Reports

a. Library Staff Reports

HistErie presentation- Courtney Baran

Courtney gave an informative presentation on the HistErie programming event that will run 5/22-5/28/22. Link with information will be made available online 4/22/22.

b. Report of Director

Report of the Director was delivered by Sheryl Thomas

- Karen Pierce has been named as the incoming Library Director. She will work with Sheryl over the next couple of months.
- There are currently two position in the library getting ready to post, one being the Iroquois Branch Manager and the other the Executive Secretary, Office Manager. Send qualified candidates our way.
- Blasco is Partnering with Erie Arts & Culture to bring Traveling Artist from Germany, Christina Tsantekidou to provide an interactive art display. Project to provide affirmation.
- Story times resuming in June. Flyers distributed throughout locations.
- Library participating in Countywide Career Fair occurring April 28th. Great opportunity for individuals to learn about county employment. Help spread the word.
- Karen added that the Library will be partnering with the Neighborhood Arthouse to work with students to create 1000 origami cranes. For every 1000 cranes, students get a wish. They are wishing for “world peace” and the cranes will become a display at Blasco in possibly Teen Area. This will occur the first week of May.
- Millcreek Planning project was presented to County Executive, Doug Smith and two members of Council on Tuesday, April 19. Karen, Sheryl and John Euliano were also present. Bostwick presented the progress and recommendation for the Millcreek Branch. Positively received. Another presentation will be scheduled for the entire County Council. Final report will be given in the near future.

c. [Review of Financial Report](#)

Deana reviewed the monthly financials and indicated that any large jumps this month. Revenue for first quarter looks promising. Custodial service expenses continue to increase due to trend in higher cleaning contracts, maintenance repairs and inflation.

d. [Statistical and Other Reports](#)

Sheryl reviewed the statistics report and answered some questions about stats. Increase in circulation noted during March. All stats are increased over February.

e. [Report of District Consultant](#)

Began District Negotiation agreements for 2022 -2023. Discussions began about where we want to be in 2022/2023, the 5- year plan and the duties of the District Consultant. Ideally 2022/2023 will be data gathering years. Finalization meeting in May.

PLEC met on Tuesday to go over what is happening at the libraries. Discussed issues, challenges and reviewed standards of operations at the libraries.

4. Board and Committee Reports

a. [Report of County Council Liaison](#)

None

b. [Report of Friends and ERLF](#)

None

c. [Report from the Friends of the Library](#)

Spring Book sale is May 5-7 at Blasco Admiral Room. Book drive will occur on Saturday, April 30th.

5. Unfinished Business

a. [Established committees](#)

6. New Business

None

7. Adjournment

8. Appendix

a. [Announcements](#)

Board Members are invited to participate in the Outreach Advisory Committee following this meeting.