



Library Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 2022

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12:00 pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Trevor Pearson, Mary Ann Tempestini, Julie Boam, Liz Allen, Kara Murphy, Quyen Aoh

Members Absent: Martha Knuth, Bill Conway, Ann Rosenthal

Others Present: Deana Cooper, Karen Pierce, Sheryl Thomas, Nicole Inan, Jessica Church

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – July minutes

Minutes were approved by motion of Quyen and seconded by Liz. All aye.

3. Library Reports

a. Library Staff Reports- nothing to report

b. Report of Director

Report of the Director- Karen Pierce

- Andrew and Anitra have been asked to present at the American Assoc. for State and Local History Conference in Buffalo in September. They will discuss how they used grant funds for heritage projects and learn how other libraries utilize grants for history projects.
- Andrew will be attending a Preservation Erie dinner and presented with an award for the HistErie program. Courtney Baran will also attend since she was the main organizer for the event.
- New Digital Collections Librarian- Jenny Martin has filled the vacant position previously held by Courtney Baran.
- Edinboro Manager, Matthew Yaw was voted “County Employee of the Week.”
- National Night Out- the library participated in National Night Out across 3 different locations across the Erie County.
- Playview repurpose- the playviews at the library have run their course and are being donated for use at OCY.
- Youth Service Librarian update- interviews for the position are in process.
- Andrew is participating with County Executive Leadership Academy.
- Housing Authority (HACE) Librarian position is still vacant. We are hoping to increase that position to a full time position. Working with HACE to see what is possible.
- Security Guard Update- nothing new to report. At this time, decisions for the positions will occur at a higher County level.
- Summer Reading Challenge is complete. Prizes will be awarded soon.

c. [Review of Financial Report](#)

Not much to report. Expense lines overall are in line. 2023 Budget preparation has begun. More to come in the future meetings.

[Statistical and Other Reports](#)

Sheryl reviewed the statistics report and pointed out we continue to see increase in patron participation in programming. Still under from 2019 but are seeing an upward trend especially at Lincoln. Programming is in full swing at all locations and is contributing to the return to patrons at the library. Summer was a very successful season. This is first summer for in person programming since 2019. In addition, digital materials are still on the rise.

d. [Report of District Consultant](#)

See Agenda for report.

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

None

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

None-Karen mentioned that Erie Gives was successful for ERLF \$5885

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

None- Karen did point out that Erie Gives was very successful for Friends. \$24,174

4. [Unfinished Business](#)

a. [Established committees](#)

Millcreek planning- Karen's been researching as to how a location has been historically decided. Lincoln property donated, Iroquois was torn down and rebuilt. Edinboro was purchased as a condo in and existing building. Decision on where a new library is located may be decided by the county.

5. [New Business](#)

Food for Fines- As September is Hunger Awareness Month, staff are donating non- perishable items in return for fine forgiveness. These items will remain at each location and will be available for patrons in need.

Policy Proposals- Sheryl reviewed the policies up for approval. Motion to approve new policies and rescind one by Trevor and seconded by Julie. - Motion carried.

2023 Library Holidays-Library Holiday's need approval for 2023 calendar. Motioned to approve by Trevor, Kara seconded stating she thought the library should honor Juneteenth. Motion carried.

6. [Appendix](#)

a. [Announcements](#)

Outreach Committee meeting today following board meeting- nothing new to report
Kara mention Celebrate Erie was happening this weekend and encouraged everyone to attend.

Trevor made motion to adjourn the meeting. Liz seconded. 12:41pm