



Library Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2024

Via zoom

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MINUTES

Members Present: Adam Groves, Quyen Aoh, Mari Howells, Annie Rosenthal, Kara Murphy, Mohamed Almorsy

Members Absent:

Others Present: John Euliano, Deana Cooper, Jessica Stefano, A. J. Rao, Freda Tepfer, Tammy Blount, Jessica Stefano, Kathleen Horan, Matthew Yaw

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President at 12:02.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2024

Adam motioned to approve February minutes, Kara second. Mohamed abstained from voting since they were not present at. Motion passed 5-0-1.

3. Public Comment (Limit to 15 Minutes)

Freda Tepfer spoke concerning Gannon Project. Expressed concerns on collapsible shelving, keeping collaboratories (study rooms) and urged the board to contact Councilmembers regarding 4/18/24 special meeting for veto override.

John responded to concerns on shelving and reassured that this style of shelving was a suggestion but will not be purchased for public space and that collaboratories will be available on second floor when transition occurs.

4. Library Reports

a. Staff Report- Tammy Blount

Teen Librarian, Tammy Blount reported on 2 big programs happening across the library, “Teen Reading Lounge,” (TRL) and “Nerd Out at the Library.” TRL is a grant of the PA Humanities Council (PHC). ECPL has participated since 2016. This is an amped up book club decided by teens. They decide what they read and what projects to engage in during the 8-week program. They recently took a field trip to Penn State Behrend to hear YA author, Tiffany Jackson. The next session of TRL begins tonight. They are working on their community project. In addition, PHC is celebrating their 50 year anniversary. They are creating a documentary video and have chosen to highlight ECPL. They will interview teens and highlight projects.

LibCon is rebranded to “Nerd Out.” There will be 30 programs across all locations including an after-hours Cosplay party. There will be Idea Lab programs, a cosplay workshop series that leads up to the May 11 event. There will also be face painting onsite along with activities for all ages.

Quyen recommended reaching out to school districts for field trips and transportation, however since it occurs on a weekend, busing will not be an option.

b. Report of the Director- John Euliano

Report provided in agenda. John reviewed report with board and highlighted some areas.

c. Statistical and Other Reports- John Euliano

Statistics provided in agenda. John reviewed statistics from March along with year-end highlights from 2023 that were in the agenda.

d. Review of Financial Report- Deana Cooper

Reported March 2024 financials. Attached to agenda and posted on website.

Review of District Consultant

Provided in agenda.

Not present

5. Board and Committee Reports

a. Report of County Council Liaison- Councilman Horton

No report.

b. Report of ERLF- Patrick Miller

No report

c. Report of Friends of the Library- Kathleen Horan

Kathleen reminded everyone of upcoming sale dates for May 9-May 11.

6. Unfinished Business-none

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

Adam motioned to adjourn. Kara second. Meeting adjourned 12:41p.

9. Appendix

a. **Announcements – Next Board meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2024 at 9:00am in the Blasco Admiral Room or via zoom.**