



Library Advisory Board Meeting Monday, June 17, 2024 Via zoom

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MINUTES

Members Present: Adam Groves, Mari Howells, Mohamed Almorsy, Annie Rosenthal

Members Absent: Quyen Aoh, Kara Murphy

Others Present: Jessica Stefano, Deana Cooper, A. J. Rao, Patrick Miller, Jessica Church, Kathleen Horan

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Vice President 12:01p

2. Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2024

Mari motioned to approve April minutes, Mohamed second. Motion passed 3-0-1

3. Public Comment (Limit to 15 Minutes)

No comments

4. Library Reports

a. Staff Report- none

b. Report of the Director- Jessica Stefano

Jessica reviewed the report in agenda. In addition to the written report, Jessica reported a great response in the first week of summer reading! There will be a pollinator program with live caterpillars in the month of June at Blasco. The Library has a wonderful lineup of summer programs thanks to the generosity of the Friends, UPMC and the summer grant from Erie Insurance. The Youth Services Manager job description is I the review process. The position should post as soon as process is complete. Andrew Miller has resigned from the County. His last day is June 17. Overall, June has been a quiet month regarding the Pride displays. The responses have been balanced as we hoped. All displays are in line with the policy keeping the process consistent.

Mari asked about NAMI programs offered at IRQ. NAMI stands for the National Alliance of Mental Illness. They are offering programming at the Iroquois branch to engage with Teens.

Mari inquired about our marketing strategy to bring in more youth. She asked about Tik Tok since teens and youth do not use Facebook. Kathleen Horan from the Friends responded that they now have a marketing committee that plans to help fund and facilitate marketing for the Library. Jessica did remind the board that as government we have restrictions on what media platforms are allowed.

c. Statistical and Other Reports- Deana Cooper

Statistics provided in agenda. Deana reviewed statistics from May including programming comparisons.

d. Review of Financial Report- Deana Cooper

Financials attached to agenda and reviewed. On budget and no concerns at this time.

Review of District Consultant

Provided in agenda.

5. Board and Committee Reports

a. Report of County Council Liaison- Councilman Horton

No report.

b. Report of ERLF- Patrick Miller

Patrick reported there were 599 applicants for the DCED grant. There is 45 mil available in funds and over 870 mil in requests. This process will be delayed and will now mostly likely hear awards in late August. This grant would renovate the Blasco Youth Services Department. Patrick will be attending the International Library Fundraising Conference. This allows for a lot of networking. The Foundation is having 2 events, on 7/6 there is a regional author meet and greet and Werner Books from 10a -2p and on 8/7 the Foundation is partnering with 6 Pack House of Beer for a “charity keg” happy hour. This event is a fundraiser for the foundation but also a social outing to come together before Erie Gives Day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

c. Report of Friends of the Library- Kathleen Horan

Kathleen announced the sale is having a huge turnout. The hot weather is causing some issues since the building has no air conditioning.

6. Unfinished Business-none

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

Annie motioned to adjourn. Mohamed second. Meeting adjourned 12:17p.

9. Appendix

- a. **Announcements – Next Board meeting will be Monday, July 15, 2024 at noon via zoom.**