



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 3, 2019, 6:30 PM

625 NE 4th Avenue

I. CALL TO ORDER

Shawn High called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Ellen Burton*, Laura Felter, Shawn High, Julie Hill, Christopher Knipes, Jennifer Smith, Connie Urquhart and Jessie Wimer

*Sitting in for Bonnie Carter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2019.

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Laura Felter made the motion to approve the September 12 Meeting Minutes. Julie Hill seconded her motion. All trustees approved.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

No communications were received.

V. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Director's Report for September.

The team unanimously agreed that the September Director's Report was a well-crafted and informative report, with lots of compelling photos. The large Library card and the *25 Ways to use Your Library Card* were big hits. Ellen Burton suggested that we could reach a broader audience if we posted the Director's Report on the City's website.

Connie U. shared that we had a great Library card sign-up month and week, with many happy kiddoes. She will get the September new Library card numbers to the Board before November's meeting.

As always, Shawn High liked the pictures in the report. Shawn also attended the *Big Kids Library Sleepover* with his daughter, Emma. They were both excited that this year they made it to the 3rd grade and above event. This event was led by Ellen Miles. Shawn described her and the event as very structured, but loaded with fun. Hannah Deslatte was assisting Ellen, and Shawn indicated they both did a fantastic job, and everyone had a good time. The group watched movies, played games, and even had a scavenger hunt.

With all the activities, surprisingly, there was not a lot of staying up late. Shawn and Emma slept in the children's books section. Shawn shared with the group that contrary to popular belief, not all of the Library lights are turned off at night. Numerous security lights remain on all night.

Shawn also shared that about half of the kids had never attended a sleepover, and there were many new parents who it appeared had never been in the Library at all. This became evident during the scavenger hunt. The morning was wrapped up with a movie, and donuts and juice.

Introductions were made to Ellen Burton.

VI. EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Shawn High approved the September expenditures; Laura Felter seconded his approval.

VII. COMMITTEE & LIBRARY AFFILIATE REPORTS

A. Advocacy

For an Odyssey School project, Laura's daughter began volunteering during the day at Family Promise, a homeless day center at St. Thomas. The residents are there 365 days a year, with vans bringing them from several different locations. Priorities are finding jobs and then homes. Laura has joined her daughter and has started bringing flyers of daytime Library events that can be good fits for the daily residents. The Family Promise volunteers have even specifically requested volunteers to work at Library events.

Connie U. added that the Library will be working with the 2020 census people, who specifically hire the homeless, and altogether will hire 10,000 volunteers from SW Washington alone.

B. Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library (FFCL)

The FFCL held its elections on Monday for its full executive board. Rachel Peters is now the new president, and Laura Bray is the vice president. Former member Victoria Westphal has returned and is the new secretary. Victoria is also the group's graphic designer. Dana Batol has agreed to continue as treasurer, and Francker Donaldson will continue with his book sale efforts. The organization

still needs members at large, with a maximum of 11 overall members possible. Laura is a great addition, with an MBA in business and a great volunteer history. Laura has been reaching out to the Greater Friend's group for new members, with minimal success.

Laura Felter attended the September FFCL meeting, as Julie Hill is no longer available to attend. She shared that the meeting was run very efficiently, and was capped by a going away pizza party for James Callan. Other Trustees will be rotating in for the next few months: Jennifer Smith in October and Jessie Wimer in November. We need to send a heads up to the FFCL letting them know who will be joining them each month. All meetings are held at the Conference Table in the Administrative Office.

C. Personnel

i. November Hiring

The Library will be posting for two Library associates on October 25. These will replace Debbie and Karen, who are both leaving the second week in January. Their departure will leave a large hole to fill, as Debbie has been here 37 years, and Karen is involved in many, many programs and activities. Interviews will take place the week of November 4, with the goal being to have replacements start on December 1. This will give Debbie and Karen four to five weeks to train the new hires.

D. Policy

No policy this month.

E. Second Story Gallery Society (SSGS)

First Friday tomorrow night for the September/October show. Tomorrow night is also Camas Homecoming.

VIII. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Update Library Directors' Symposium in Wenatchee

Connie U. gave an update on the symposium she attended in Wenatchee. Broad concepts included connectivity issues, new ideas for the future of libraries, and funding (excellent vs. low, based on city size and rurality).

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

X. NON AGENDA ITEMS

Julie Hill shared that she wants to ensure that the Library remains a vibrant part of the community. At a recent open house for the aquatic center, funding for it seemed fuzzy. Julie is worried that Library funds may be diverted to cover costs.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

The idea was proposed that maybe the Library should share with the Camas community the fact that the bond that helped build the Library will be paid off in 2021. This might help to allay some of the concerns around the new aquatic center: "See how much we paid for the Library and see how it's benefiting the Camas community?" The idea didn't gain any traction.

XII. NEXT MEETING

A. The next meeting is November 7, 2019.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.