

Tillamook County Library Board Minutes
April 21, 2022; 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Board Members Present:

Betsy Chase, Sayde Walker, Tim Josi, Madeline Olson, Jennifer Byrne, Jon Orloff

Staff and Others Present:

Geri Godber, Kristi Hanson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Sayde Walker at 12:05 p.m.

Public Input

None

Approval of March 2022 Minutes and Budget:

Betsy Chase moved to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2022, meeting of the Tillamook County Library Advisory Board. Madeline Olson seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Tim Josi moved to approve the budget and financial reports for March 2022 as presented. Jennifer Byrne seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Director's Report: 10 Minutes

Director Godber gave her Director's Report.

Budget Hearing Recap: 10 minutes

Director Godber gave a brief recap of the budget hearing. There were a few questions from the Board about the Bookmobile and the length of time left on its serviceable life, as well as how it could be replaced in the future to better serve the community.

New Business Items: 45 minutes

Collection Development Policy: 10 minutes

Director Godber updated the Board on the evolution of the policy. It was composed over the course of 6+ months by a staff committee of degreed librarians. The librarians reached out to various resources to compose the policy. There was a robust discussion amongst the Board about the policy, its timeliness, the specific language being used, and whether it was direct enough. Several suggestions for updating the policy were given, and a discussion ensued around policy versus procedure. Director Godber will work on the suggested policy updates and send it back out to the Board. She is also going to send the Board the full policy manual to review with suggestions due by April 30, 2022. The policy manual will be presented to the Board at the May 2022 meeting. Once approved, it will be sent to county counsel.

Update from Bylaw Review Committee: 5 minutes

Jennifer Byrne and Betsy Chase have been able to touch base on the suggestions made by board members at the March 2022 meeting. There is a lot going on with the board now, so the Board was asked if there were objections to pushing the bylaw review out to a later date to allow for an agenda with adequate time to work on this topic. It was agreed to hold off on this subject for a couple of months.

PLA Update with Madeline Olson: 10 minutes

Madeline Olson attended the Public Library Association conference in Portland at the end of March. She was thankful she was able to go and remarked at the organization of the conference. Madeline said there were many great speakers with an emphasis on DEI, freedom to read, public libraries as a resource for access to information, etc. An important session Madeline attended was about how to build a better library board, and how important it is to understand the role of the board. She noted that a board is designed to select the director who will oversee the operations of the library. The board needs to support the director, ensure financial security, assist with strategic planning, but is not responsible for managing the operations of the library.

Board Development: 10 minutes

There was not ample time left to discuss board development. Betsy Chase requested 20 minutes on the May 2022 agenda to go over the materials sent to the Board in March.

Library Director Recruitment: 10 minutes

The library director recruitment brochure has been completed and emailed out to more than 200 people. The position has been posted on several websites. Applications are due May 8th, and the search committee is planning the first round of interviews will take place May 25-27 with final interviews in June. So far, everything is on track.

Updates:**Tillamook County Library Foundation Update:** 5 minutes

A donated book was auctioned and brought in \$700 for the Foundation.

Jon Orloff gave an update on the park.

- The stone labyrinth has been approved by the county.
- The stage plans are waiting on permits.
- The concrete for the light pedestals has been poured.
- In June, Angus Electric will be installing the lights.

Commissioner's Update: 5 minutes

Commissioner Bell was not in attendance at the meeting thus there was no update.

PAC Update: 10 minutes

As planned, the PAC has become more visible in April. The PAC has various volunteers who are working on putting doors hangers at the homes of registered voters, posting out to social media, scheduling radio ads, putting up road signs, etc. Sayde Walker noted every time she opens the newspaper she sees several pro-library letters.

Future Meetings:

There was discussion about the preferred format for future meetings. It was decided the May 2022 would be in person.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at p.m. 1:27 p.m.

Completed on April 22, 2022 by Geri Godber.