

Tillamook County Library Virtual Board Meeting / April 15, 2021

Board Members Present: (y) Betsy Chase, (n) Tim Josi, (y) Neal Lemery, (y) Madeline Olson, (y) Jon Orloff, (y) Teresa Rivenes, (y) Sayde Walker

Commissioner Present: (n) Mary Faith Bell

Staff Present: (y) Geri Godber, (y) Sarah Beeler, (y) Emily Davidson

Guests Present: (y) Ruth LaFrance, (y) Shiela Zerngast

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.

Minutes: Neal Lemery made a motion to approve the March 18, 2021, meeting minutes. Jon Orloff seconded. Minutes approved.

Budget: Jon Orloff made a motion to approve the budget. Neal Lemery seconded. Budget approved.

Director's Report: Please see attached April 2021 Director's Report. There is an appointment on May 3rd to repair the leak in the Bookmobile. Human Resources will be posting some of our vacant positions soon! A New Hire Checklist has been implemented. Eleven hotspots have been ordered. One of the eleven will be dedicated to the Bookmobile. Additional hotspots will be purchased next fiscal year.

Buzzy Nielsen, Program Manager at the State Library of Oregon, sent an email indicating new information from the CDC suggests that surface transmission of the COVID-19 virus is even less likely than previously thought. *"OHA finds that no quarantine of library materials is necessary.* Surface transmission is not a significant mode of COVID-19 transmission in the case of library materials due to the very low chance that there will be enough viable viruses on the materials from the previous user, if at all. This is in addition to the natural lag, in most cases, between return and release of materials that would further reduce the risk of transmission." Tillamook County Libraries will no longer place items in quarantine. Until further notice, Tillamook County Libraries will remain at Library Express.

Strategic Plan: A contract has been prepared to retain Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. to provide advice on the library system's budget, and financial projections and potential financings, including financial recommendations. The contract is for a period of 36 months. Ruth LaFrance commented on the successful Multnomah County Library levy and how Multnomah did not collect the entire levy amount right away. They collected/increased the levy amount in increments, as needed. Shiela suggested ways to address questions about reserve/carry forward dollars. STRATEGIC PLAN, 2021-2024 or 2026 draft discussion points were shared with the board. The next Strategic Plan will identify the roles of Tillamook County

Libraries as they plan and work to meet the needs of the community. The Mission, Vision and Values listed in the last Strategic Framework will remain the same although the Strategic Framework Investments column will be updated. The annual survey (Penny Hummel) and the Technology Assessment/Recommendations from Carson Block will provide helpful information as the next Strategic Plan is developed. Please see attached discussion draft.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement: Tillamook County Libraries are going fine free! Overdue fines accrued after January 1, 2019, will be waived. Staff will be given permission to waive fines. Billing notices will start going out May 1, 2021 for long overdue items. Patrons will still be charged for lost/damaged books. Sayde asked that we include our reasons for going fine free at this time, equity, in any publicity that is released. The amount collected in fines has been minimal. Geri will bring a fine free policy statement/rationale to the board at the May meeting.

Foundation Report: A large delivery of pavers for the Maxwell Library Park is expected. Ryan Motsinger will be working on the stage.

Public Input: none

Meeting adjourned: 1:30pm

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

Sarah Beeler

Library Board Book Club to discuss *My Grandmother's Hands*, chapters 3 and 4, after the May 20, 2021 board meeting.