

Tillamook County Library Board / October 17, 2019

Board Members Present: (y) Shiela Zerngast, (y) Chris Chiola, (y) Cheryl Hantke, (y) Ruth LaFrance, (y) Neal Lemery, (y) Betsy Chase, (n) Sayde Walker; (y) Commissioner Mary Faith Bell

Staff Present: (y) Sara Charlton, (y) Sarah Beeler, (n) Bill Landau

Guests Present: Ruth Metz

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

Minutes: Ruth LaFrance made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Cheryl Hantke seconded. Minutes approved.

Budget: The insurance company sent a check to fix the broken railing along Third Street and place boulders between the sidewalk and building. Betsy Chase moved to approve the budget. Ruth LaFrance seconded. Budget approved.

Director's Report: The 2019 Main Street Conference was well attended with participants from all over the state visiting the Tillamook County Library and the downtown area. Library Assistant 3/part-time Library Assistant 1 interviews will be conducted October 22nd. Sara Charlton and Damian Laviolette, IS Director, are discussing job duties for the vacant Programmer Analyst position. All Tillamook County Library branches will be closed on October 18th for staff training at the Oceanbooks Conference in Newport.

The annual New Year's Eve Party will be held on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Times and activities to be determined for this family-friendly event. The South Tillamook County Library Club cat controversy was discussed. Sara Charlton completed her term as Chair of the Public Library Association Legislation and Advocacy Committee.

A patron may be donating a set of baking pans for patrons to check out. Several hundred paper copies of the survey have been completed. Betsy Chase shared information about Oregon State Library training for trustees, <https://www.oregon.gov/library/libraries/pages/continuing-education.aspx>. The Library is exploring credit card payment options for patrons.

Strategic Plan: The Budget Committee, with assistance from Ruth Metz, Shawn Blanchard and Denise Vandecoevering, created a summary and review of their work along with several levy scenarios. Citizen Committee findings were also shared along with their input concerning the inadequacy of the .65/\$1000 levy rate. Shawn Blanchard, Tillamook County Treasurer, confirmed that a rate of .91/\$1000 will be needed to maintain current service levels. A community presentation will be crafted to share facts about various rate options. The structural deficit was also discussed. Various budget scenarios/levy rates will be shared with a cross section of likely taxpayers throughout Tillamook County during Phase 3. Ruth LaFrance made a motion to accept the Tillamook County Library Board Budget Committee Report as presented and move to Phase 3. Chris Chiola seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Foundation Update:

The tree has been planted. Concrete benches will be selected next week. Pavers with brass plaques are available for \$250 each. Forms to purchase a paver are in the park plot notebook at the front desk. Benches may also be purchased for \$1000 each. Quilt raffle proceeds will go

to the Library Park project. Cheryl Hantke reported \$1200 was raised at the Chris Arellano concerts. Pat Olson gave a donation to the Library Park after reading the article by Mary Faith Bell in the latest edition of Library News. Library park brickwork should be completed by the end of October. Work will begin on the planting beds in November or December. Eight park benches will be ordered next week.

Commissioner's Update: Mary Faith Bell recommended the reappointment of Neal Lemery to the Tillamook County Library Board. Several board positions will be reaching the end of their terms. Sheila Zerngast will map out a timeline for Tillamook County Library Board appointments/reappointments to stagger the vacancies.

Public input: none

Meeting adjourned at 1:33.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Sarah Beeler