

Tillamook County Library Board- April 17, 2019

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

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

Guests Present:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Neal Lemery at 12:00pm.

Motion made by Chris Chiola to approve the March minutes, seconded by Cheryl Hantke, all in favor.

Motion made by Shiela Zerngast to approve the budget, seconded by Chris Chiola, all in favor.

Budget Report: The replacement transit van is on the road and working well. It was purchased at an excellent price through state contract.

Director's Report:

The director shared more thank you's from AARP Tax Aide program users. The program helped approximately 200 people this year. More accurate numbers will be available mid-May.

Circulation statistics are on track for growth again this year. E-services have increased from 4% to 12%, mostly in audiobooks. 1700 people attended programs last month.

Contracts with branches are coming due. Mary Faith Bell reported that the Pacific City contract has come before the commissioners.

TBCC has contacted the director to get input on setting up a facilities plan. Northwest Regional has contacted the director to investigate what we look for in our hiring process.

The Tillamook County Arts Network is dissolving. Their mission is accomplished and there are now adequate art associations around the county.

The director will be taking a vacation week after new library board member interviews on April 29th.

Staff is working on summer reading program planning. Parade attendance planning is in the works and board members are welcome to participate. Contact Bill Landau if interested. The parades are useful for reaching out to the community and breaking stereotypes.

Nehalem State Park would like to have a uke program this summer, on Thursday(s) from 6 pm to 8 pm. It was decided that the director would contact Sugar Brosius, who works with the Salty Strings Ukulele Group of Rockaway Beach. The library will consider partnering or sponsoring a program.

Betsy Chase reported on the Strategic Plan Process Phase 2 progress. The contract details are being worked out and should be finalized soon. When complete, budget committee members will meet with Ruth Metz to work out meeting details. Phase 2 of the Strategic Plan process will explore where revenues come from and levy timing. It will also investigate three cost options for the future: services if our current funding level is maintained; the cost to continue to provide our current service level, and the cost to improve our service level. The group is anticipated to begin soon and run through August.

Neal Lemery presented the latest version of the bylaws. The topic was carried to the May meeting in order to allow time for additional input. The question was raised whether other county advisory boards have bylaws. Mary Faith will check into it.

The director is waiting for Sheriff Long to get back to her. He will tentatively be on the agenda for the May Library Board meeting. Shiela mentioned that Terry Wright might be able to do the requested site assessment if Sheriff Long is unable to complete it prior to meeting.

There was discussion about not criminalizing homelessness and the work that Sarah Beeler does to connect people in need with services.

Chris Chiola gave a Library Foundation update. Bids have been received for the first phase of the park, the southern portion. Ruth LaFrance completed the TURA grant application. The application will be reviewed at the May TURA meeting. Pavers came in at price close to concrete, and have the advantage of being easier to match when completing the park in different phases. There is also the advantage of being able to include contrasting color blocks that could have names engraved and be used as a fundraiser. These blocks could also be used around the tree and the perimeter. The PUD grant was not awarded. The foundation will reapply for the PUD for other stages of the project.

Cheryl Hantke shared the leading choice for the water feature, *Children Playing with Umbrella*. It is made by the same company that made the bench, dancing children, and frog. Benches have also been chosen. Cheryl shared the recently created '*Case for the Library Park*' document that can be used to inform interested people. She is exploring a fundraiser featuring Nueva Americana music, and will present the idea to the foundation.

The ALA conference will be held in Washington DC on June 20th through 24th. The conference is an excellent opportunity for professional development and learning best practices. The director is on the Advocacy Committee for the Public Library Association (PLA.) Shiela Zerngast made the motion to approve the director and manager going to the conference, seconded by Betsy Chase, all in favor.

Public input: none

Mary Faith Bell complimented the director on her presentation at the budget committee hearing.

The county is working on emergency preparedness and has identified that work is needed on the City of Tillamook Community Plan. A group will be convened of stakeholders. They should bring details of what they have to offer in an emergency, what they will need and what they expect of others. The library could use a generator, and Mary Faith Bell mentioned there are preparedness and resiliency grants available that could fund its purchase.

Meeting adjourned by Neal Lemery at 1:08 pm

Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Jessica Darling

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, May 16, 2019, 12:00pm