

## **Tillamook County Library Board / August 15, 2019**

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

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

**Guests Present:** none

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

**Minutes:** Shiela Zerngast made a motion to approve the July minutes. Chris Chiola seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

**Budget Report:** Shiela Zerngast made a motion to approve the budget. Chris Chiola seconded the motion. Budget approved.

**Director's Report:** The vacant LA3 position will be reposted. Two full-time LA1 positions and a part-time LA1 position will be posted as soon as HR has time to start the recruitment process. One full-time systems position is also open.

Patrons loved seeing Captain Book and the book cart drill team at Tillamook County parades.

Children's books (885) and buttons (590) were distributed to patrons at the Tillamook County Fair.

Paper copies of the survey are available at all library branches and online, [www.tillabook.org](http://www.tillabook.org). The survey is also available on the Tillamook County Library Facebook page.

Over 700 children, 104 teens and almost 1000 adults participated in summer reading programs and activities.

Patrons will soon be able to check out a uke kit: uke, bag, tuner and beginning book for uke players. Kits will check out for two weeks.

**Strategic Plan:** Phase Two, the staffing study and the creation of several budget scenarios, is nearing completion. Mary Faith asked the budget committee to flesh out .65 per thousand tax rate. Sara, Sarah and Bill along with Ruth Metz and with help from the budget committee, Tillamook County Treasurer and Tillamook County Assessor, created several rate scenarios: .65, .73 and .91. Passage of .65 would require deep and serious cuts. The .73 rate also requires dramatic cuts. The enhanced rate, .91, offers additional branch hours, Sunday hours, more money for programs, technology, the materials budget, the creation of a vacancy bank plus additional funds for staff development and training.

The structural deficit, the difference between the annual 3% increase in property taxes and the 10% yearly increase for employee retirement/health benefits, was discussed. The structural deficit affects all Tillamook County departments and needs to be addressed.

Ruth Metz will prepare the findings of the budget committee. The Tillamook County Future's Council will be updated and their input sought on the best way to engage the community. Findings will be presented to the BOCC.

Neal Lemery met with staff on 8/14/19 and gave an update on the Strategic Plan and the work of the budget committee.

Work on the park will begin soon! Musician Chris Arellano will give a concert on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to help raise money for the new library park. The program will be a blend of music fused with story and song. It will be held in the Hatfield Room at the Tillamook County Library. An additional program will be held in the evening at Pacific Restaurant (also September 28<sup>th</sup>). Chris Arellano performs nuevo Americana, a bit of blues and a bit of country. He has performed throughout the United States.

Partnership opportunities with TBCC were discussed.

The Oceanbooks Conference will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. All Tillamook County Libraries will be closed for staff training. Betsy Chase moved to approve staff attendance at the Oceanbooks Conference in Newport. Shiela Zerngast seconded. Motion approved.

Jessica Moran would like to attend the 2019 ABOS (Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services) Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. Chris Chiola moved to approve sending Jessica Moran to the conference. Sayde Walker seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Neal Lemery suggested an honorary Tillamook County Library card for Ruth Metz. June will create a card for staff/board to sign thanking Ruth for her service. A symbolic library card may be created and presented to Ruth for exceptional service to our organization.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00.

**Public input:** none

Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Sarah Beeler