

Tillamook County Library Board Minutes – August 8, 2016

Board Members Present: (y) Shiela Zerngast, (y) Betsy Chase, (y) Chris Chiola, (y) Bob Favret, (y) Cheryl Hantke, (y) Ruth LaFrance, (n) Jane Spence

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

Guests Present: none

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

Public Input: none

Approval of the Minutes & Bills: Motion to approve made by Ruth LaFrance and seconded by Bob Favret, all in favor.

Director's Report:

The new Library Assistant 1, Matthew Stephens, was introduced.

The Tillamook County Fair went well. Sara has radio time on all four days of the fair. The plans for the new library park were displayed. They generated very positive feedback. Visitors were able to participate in making buttons, and there were free of cost items such as books for children and adults and frisbees. Grandparents especially thanked the library for having something that didn't cost money.

The summer reading program is concluding. In addition to a program for children, teens and adults, the library will have hosted 87 programs throughout the system. There have been a lot of compliments.

A mascot, and its value were discussed. It was identified as worthwhile, for all the use it would get out of it.

The Hoopla contract is signed, and on order. This will expand online offerings, and allow our patrons to utilize the resources they can see in our catalog now that they can't access.

The furnace AC stopped functioning, resulting in a service call.

Sara has found an arborist after a lengthy search. She is pricing pressure washing for the building.

The goal of the Library Futures Plan was a 5% increase in card holders. We are at 9%, or more for the last year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.) The Futures Plan Scorecard was tabled till the next meeting, to enable a fuller conversation.

The County Commissioners authorized altering the bookmobile relief driver position to 30 hours and adding branch back duties to the job description. This has resulted in a wider application pool. The Commissioners reported that they have been hearing positive comments about the library.

There was a discussion of statistics provided for review. The stats, and the comparison included, is very helpful. We will work to break down community room use further, begin to track numbers in the study rooms on a trial basis, and track law library use.

Penny is working with Bill to include some of the statistical information in the newsletter, such as visits per month. There are 18,700 cards issued.

Expanding the use counters on to the children's room , the adult area and community rooms discussed.

10th Birthday Party for Main - Current plans for Saturday, October 1st are:

- 10:00 AM - Park ribbon cutting and Commissioner Labhart speaking
- 11:00 AM - SenateAires
- 2:00 to 4:00 - PM Old Time Fiddlers
- 5:00 PM - Author Phil Margolin (who did fundraising for the library in 1997 and 1998)
- 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Reception upstairs featuring Phil Margolin and Jazz Artist Tom Grant, possibly muralists also
- 7:00 PM - Tom Grant
- Ongoing throughout the day: tours of the library, including databases; complimentary mementos; a 'make your own button' station in the children's room; and Angela Arena is planning something for the teen area.

We will set up the day before the event (September 30th.) The Headlight Herald and the Ruralite will have articles about the celebration. The library newsletter, with information, will be distributed through the Shopper on September 20th. Former board members will be invited. Shiela Zerngast will present on behalf of the library board.

Sara and Judy are working on a '*What Services Have We Added in the Last 10 Years*' informational display. Ruth LaFrance's books, covering library history, will be displayed and possibly a quilt raffle.

The next meeting will be 1.5 hours to allow for all needed topics.

Shiela Zerngast adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:10pm.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

Jessica Darling