



MINUTES

April 25, 2023

5:15 p.m.

Hybrid

Approved: May 23, 2023

Call to Order

Chair Steve Borst called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Amanda Blaisdell, Steve Borst, Bob Brown, Jaci Eiquihua, Karen Messer, Amy Roberts

Members absent: Barbara Coffman

Staff present: Eric Ikenouye, Library Director; April Spisak, Interim Assistant Director; Elise Schuh, Administrative Services Coordinator

Approval of March 14, 2023 Minutes:

5:20 p.m.

MOTION: Board Member Karen Messer moved to approve the minutes as written. Board Member Jaci Eiquihua seconded it and it passed (6-0).

Staff update

5:22 p.m.

Interim Assistant Director April Spisak provided an update on the Library's Strategic Plan and the next steps of forming groups to support goal progress and completion. A brief discussion followed about the bookmobile and the progress being made in research and development.

Borst asked if specific groups are being selected for the strategic plan goals. Spisak stated it will be mostly volunteer and interest-based selection, but changes will be made as necessary to maintain groups of four to five.

Borst asked if there is a timeline for the purchase of a bookmobile. Spisak stated that based on the current Strategic Plan, the goal is to have a physical vehicle in the next two years. Library Director Eric Ikenouye stated that there will be a more definitive timeline once an official group is established under this goal.

Spisak provided updates on the upcoming Summer Reading Program. It runs from June 1 through August 26th and is Oregon themed; Reading is a State of Mine. The Library is partnering with different organizations for programming including Parks and Recreations and the Calapooia Watershed Council.

Ikenouye went through a library budget overview presentation*. The total general fund budget is 7,035,900. In addition to the general fund, several of the funding sources for the library include the Oregon Community Foundation, various grants, and the Albany Public Library Foundation. The proposed staffing level is 21.1625 FTE.

Discussion followed about funding sources for circulating materials.

Ikenouye gave an update on the staffing changes at the Linn-Benton Community College library and the potential effects on the other libraries in the Linn Libraries Consortium.

Ikenouye shared that library staff received practical training from the Linn County Mental Health Crisis Team on how to better support struggling patrons and what resources are available to them.

A brief discussion by the Board followed about the potential for private security.

The Board shared their appreciation and support for the recent article about the Library's Diversity Audit.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Borst adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

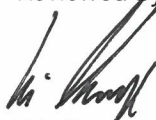
Respectfully submitted,



Elise Schuh

Administrative Services Coordinator

Reviewed by,



Eric Ikenouye

Library Director

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