

Tillamook County Library Board Minutes
Thursday, June 15, 2023; 12:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Board Members Present:

Sayde Walker, Madeline Olson, Jon Orloff, Nan Devlin, Tim Josi, Jennifer Byrne

Staff, Commissioner, and Others Present:

Don Allgeier, Mary Faith Bell, Jenn Wells, Angela Arena, Marisa Graham-Collier

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Sayde Walker at 12:01 p.m.

Public Input

Elie Hilger of Bay City spoke against the Pride display.

Roamy Carver of Kilches spoke in support of the Pride display.

Irene Barajas of Tillamook spoke in support of the Pride display.

Baylee Beutel of Tillamook County spoke in support of the Pride display.

Sharon Smith of Nehalem spoke in support of the Pride display.

Approval of May 2023 Minutes and Budget:

Tim moves for approval of the May meeting minutes: Madeline seconds, minutes are approved unanimously.

Budget and Spending Report:

The fiscal year is ending June 30, 2023, therefore in the month of June expenditures in terms of supplies have been reduced, aside from a significant jump in Childrens spending in preparation for the Summer Reading program.

Jon motions to approve budget and spending: Madeline seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Director's Report: Don Allgeier

- We will be adding a Systems Librarian to our team. We are hoping to have a job description set up soon for a new recruitment to manage systems and strategic planning development shortly.
- Angela and Don met with a team to develop a facilities conditions report to plan for maintenance and repair to our physical infrastructure.

- The Foundation will be holding a celebration and dedication for the Maxwell Park and outdoor stage on Sunday August 20, 2023, from 2-4 p.m.
- The past few weeks incidents in the library have remained consistent. Mary Faith states we could coordinate with HHS as they have seen an increase and are looking find solutions. It may be possible to share additional security services.
- The Lincoln County Library has a new director. There have been a few meetings of the governance group in terms of plans to join all of Lincoln County into the Oceanbooks network, though there has been minimal movement at this time, as they welcome the new director.
- We have paired with Neahkahnie schools to celebrate the Summer Reading Project. They have signed up roughly 40 additional kids and we anticipate an increase in SRP participants.
- The Pride display at the main branch has gotten both support and dissent. Most of the complaints focus on requesting that the library remains politically neutral. Don states that these displays are a recognition of people and welcoming all people into the space but are not taking a political stance. Overwhelmingly there have been many stories from community members in support of the display from a human health standpoint.

Data Dashboard

Don states all statistics are on target for our overall expectations.

Expects to see growth in the notary program in July as more of our employees become certified.

We started a few new volunteers in June, so we expect to see that growth in July.

Foundation Update

The park will be dedicated shortly; the stage is virtually finished but there are some loose ends to tie up.

There are 6 projects the foundation is to be involved with in the near future including a South County outpost of some kind, a teen area remodel at the main branch, bolstering adult programs at all libraries, providing a reimbursement endowment for staff going for library degrees, and increasing youth programs.

The Maxwell Park will present the first Chauatauqua talk by Jon on July 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners Report:

Mary Faith Bell walked in through the park where she observed people using the park and it was very nice to see the culmination of so much effort.

We have two applicants for the library board: Roamy Carver and Jim Heffernan, who are present and welcomed to introduce themselves. Each party spoke on their overall applicable experience and expressed mutual admiration for the other party.

Jane Scott and Mary Faith Bell will be interviewing Don in July for a new episode of “Let’s Talk with Van Moe” that showcases people who are making a difference in the community. An archive of previous interviews can be found at Tctvonline.com.

Business Items

Meeting Times: It is decided to change monthly board meetings to be held on the 4th Thursday from 12pm-1pm. This change is effective immediately with our next meeting being July 27, 2023.

Strategic Plan: Jennifer Byrne moves to approve the Strategic Plan as discussed in the May 2023 meeting. Madeline seconds and unanimous approval is granted.

Don met with Penny and reference team to develop plan. They will be working through ideas and come back to present in July.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00pm