



Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2022

In-Person Meeting

Board members attending: Miranda Hyland (Chair), Elainie Conz, Michelle Garey, Rebecca Higgins, Maggie Hohne

Not in attendance: Nicole Neales, Mark Hudson, Robin Brackett, Doug Bridges, Niya Pitts

Others attending: Wright Adams (Library Director), Sarah Edmonds, Meghan Blackburn, Brittany Jones, Jann Ford

Minutes: Maggie moved to accept. Elainie seconded. Motion approved.

Miranda speaks to changes in the advisory board and requests that members become more active in the library so that they can give informed opinions and suggestions on the future of the library. She suggests that everyone actively help spread the news about the events and programs at the library.

Director's Report: Wright Adams updated us on the grant, county assistance and quote from a specialty vehicle company for the book mobile. There is a gap of \$52,000~ that the library will need assistance in fundraising. He has spoken to Jann Ford (Pres.) about fundraising with the Friend's of the Library and requests everyone's help. Wright notes differences in the current book mobile and the new one which include wifi, ability to come aboard the vehicle, and workforce development planning. March 1 is the deadline for application. Beginning of June he will be notified if the grant has been awarded.

Michelle mentions Blanton foundation endowment. Wright says that has been earmarked for the teen space.

Wright highlights a couple points in the magazine and says that it will be in the paper and distributed to all local high schools.

Jann Ford pres of the Friends of the Library explains 501C fundraising perks and how they are able to help the library with funding. Scheduling a meeting in April 26, 2022 and invites everyone to join. They will have a speaker, Pat Conroy, and will be held at the LeGrand Center. Suggests unveiling of the book mobile as incentive to help fundraising. She also speaks to the new pop-up sales that they have been organizing.

Staff reports:

- Sarah Edmonds (Adult Services Manager): Reviews winter events and numbers. Shares a “Spring events” excerpt and touches on the summer events. Focus on local authors. Maggie offers help facilitating a “sit’n’sitch” type of idea with embroidery in the makers space.
- Meghan Blackburn (Technical Services Manager): Meghan says that there is not much new to touch on and that they are getting new materials processed and out onto the shelves.
- Brittany Jones (Youth Services Manager): shares numbers for programs are increasing by 10~. Reviews programs coming up. Brittany reviews two programs held in the makerspace, their positive feedback and their numbers (20-30). Michelle asks about seed library (Sarah answers about seasonal seeds, checking them out and growing interest in it) Brittany says that teen programs are being added to the calender. Miranda asks for timeline on the teen space. Wright says fall. Brittany updates us on Outreach Department programs and the positive feedback they’ve received. She speaks about upcoming programs and how Sam and Wright are working diligently on the grant for the book mobile. Rebecca suggests putting the old and new van in the local parades to be more visible in the public eye.

Old business: No old business.

Other comments: Maggie and Elainie offer help with Facebook and social media content and event promotion.

New business: none

Maggie motions to adjourn. Elainie seconded.

The next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for April , 2022

Respectfully submitted, Elainie Conz