

## Advisory Board MEETING Minutes

July 22, 2021

In-Person Meeting

Board members attending: Mark Hudson, Chair, Commissioner Doug Bridges, Miranda Hyland, Rebecca Higgins. Not in attendance, Elaine Conz, Michelle Garey.

(Ann is no longer a member)

Others attending: Wright Adams (Library Director), Sarah Edmonds, Meghan Blackburn, Sam Woolhiser and Nicole Neals (Board Applicant),

Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Hudson clarified the Friends of the Library member is indeed a Board member. He noted that while our Bylaws do not currently address whether this position, or the Commissioner position can hold office, he noted that the nature of these roles would make it difficult to do so.

The board then discussed the minutes of the last meeting. Ms. Higgins made the motion to approve the minutes with Ms. Hyland seconding. All were in favor.

Mr. Hudson introduced Nicole Neals, a local creative entrepreneur. (Nicely stated Sam!) Ms. Neals is interested in social justice and community growth and is interested in becoming a board member. Mr. Hudson welcomed Ms. Neals youthful energy and fresh perspective and reported that her application is currently in process with the County. The Board is looking forward to her involvement.

Mr. Hudson suggested the Board of Trustees follow a calendar year with the Board's annual meeting to be held in November, when board officers could be elected

Director's report: Mr. Adams discussed the successful launch of the library magazine with the fall issue coming out in October. Four new staff members started at the library in June: Sam Woolhiser as the full-time Outreach and Community Engagement Manager, Jessica Injejikian- as the full-time Adult Outreach Program Assistant, Stacy Martin as a part-time Adult Library Program Assistant, and Victoria Grace Boston as a part-time Children's Library Program Assistant. After giving an update on the status of the

Makerspace, Mr. Adams turned the floor over to the library managers to discuss summer reading activities and statistics for June.

Sarah Edmonds, Adult Services Manager, noted five adult in-person programs with 57 in attendance held in June. Also held were four virtual programs with 41 in attendance. Two family programs were held with 75 people attending. Sarah has also been holding one-on-one computer classes. Youth Services statistics for June included: 176 kids for Storytime, 103 kids for general programs, 7 teens for teen programs, and 74 kids for programming at the Spangler Branch. Both adults and children prefer in-person programming.

Meghan Blackburn, Technical Services Manager, provided some good news by noting June had the highest circulation numbers the library has seen this year. We are getting back to pre-Covid numbers. Update to the Wonderbox items in the library collection are taking place. Technical services is getting ready to start processing at Ruby Hunt once summer reading is over.

Sam Woolhiser, Outreach and Community Engagement Manager, introduced herself and shared plans to create more programs for the community through partnerships with local organizations.

Friends of the Library: The group had no meeting in June, so there was nothing new to report.

Old business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Mr. Hudson mentioned evaluating the current Board meeting time to ensure that it would still be convenient for our members, given that many of them have full-time day positions. More to follow.. Mr. Hudson named Ms. Hyland as the interim Vice Chair and recommends Ms. Conz for the interim secretary until such time we can change to Bylaws to reflect our proposed annual meeting and election cycle. Mr. Hudson will work on further Bylaws changes; the proposed changes in Article relating to number of members and term(s) conditions were endorsed by those present.

It was noted by Mr. Adams that our next meeting is Thursday, September 23rd at 2:30PM.

Mr. Hudson concluded the meeting at 3:23PM by thanking everyone in attendance.

Respectively submitted,

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Sam Woolhiser, Outreach and Community Engagement Manager

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Mark Alan Hudson, Board Chairman