

Library Board Minutes: July 21, 2020

(ZOOM Meeting)

Board Members Attending: Tonya Gaffney, Maureen Lyons, Jim Lowrance, Judy Lindholm, Ruzan Morrison, Bob Untiedt, Allan Thoreson

Staff: Sarah Rosenblum (Library Director), Katie Fink, Joa LaVille

President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting were approved. Jim Lowrance made a motion and Bob Untiedt seconded the motion to approve. There were no additions or corrections.

Operating Bills:

Question about the cost of the books for the library and Amazon.

Maureen Lyon made a motion and Allan Thoreson seconded the motion to approve bills paid in June.

Old Business:

Three quotes for tagging equipment. EnvisionWare is the winner.

Install RFID gates in September.

Tagging is going well, especially youth picture books.

New Business:

Election of officers

Allan Thoreson made a motion to elect current officers to another term, Maureen Lyons seconded this motion – unanimous ballot, same officers.

Walkthrough Phase 1:

75-130 people per day

Lots of curbside traffic, hours extended from 10:00am to 5:30 pm

Masks are not a problem

Sarah is greeting people at the front door

Not many families

Staff is okay so far

Good article in the Times-Republican

Staff Reports

- Joa - Summer reading numbers not growing, 385 youth and adult participants a little disappointing. Normally 1200 youth participants. People seem to be done with "online" activities. Worry about less fortunate who may have connectivity issues. Being open may help them reconnect.
- Katie – Ebook checkouts have doubled. Demand increasing for online resources. The library leases ebooks.

Director's Report:

New trends not the focus right now.

Programming is on hold.

Nancy Sebern and Gary Fulton are maintaining the flower beds. Sarah is appreciative of their work.

Two day online conference on Holocaust program.

No info on budget. Question on federal aid to cities.

Generator question at City Council

May be an issue, but probably not
A generator would be available for the city
The cost is still not certain

Thanks to staff for efforts during a hard time.

Board will meet August 18, 2020 at 5:00 pm on ZOOM

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.