

Fern Ridge Library Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 12th, 2023
Meeting conducted live and virtually via ZOOM

Board Members: Erik Carlstrom; Olivia Johnson; Jerri Moore; Steve Recca; Jennifer Chambers

Staff: Assistant Director: Laura Blankenship; Business Manager: Lesley Steppan

Public: None

OPENING

Call to Order

Chair Erik Carlstrom called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Review agenda

No need for an executive session.

Review minutes

Steve Recca moved to accept the minutes for the March, 2023 Board Meeting as presented. Seconded by Jennifer Chambers. With no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of Patrons

None present.

Correspondence

None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Review Director Job Description, performance and Contract

Jerri contacted SDAO and had a conversation with someone on their legal team about the current contract and stated that it went well.

Erik Carlstrom reminded board members to fill out the SurveyMonkey review form.

Election Update

All three board members up for reelection (Jerri Moore, Jennifer Chambers, and Olivia Johnson) have filed for the May ballot, as has a fourth individual, Kaitlyn Mainhart.

Executive Session

The board entered an executive session at 7:10pm and, having made no decisions, exited the executive session at 7:11pm.

REPORTS

Chair – E. Carlstrom

There was a little chatter about the new solar panels on social media, most of it positive though one post misunderstood that they were not paid for with public money but rather than with a grant. Both Colin and Erik addressed these specific posts.

Director – C. Rea

As is his custom, Colin submitted the report for National Poetry Month in haiku. The report was read aloud ‘round robin’ in Colin’s absence.

Assistant Director Laura B. highlighted the stats report for the month that shows digital circulation for adult books are starting to rival the numbers for the physical collection.

Financial – L. Steppan

The roof expense went through for the reserve fund; nothing else to note for the month.

Foundation & Grants – C. Rea

No report.

Friends – J. Moore

The book sales are earning more than ever. The Friends will hand out six scholarships this year for \$750 each.

Grounds – S. Recca

Nothing to report.

LCOG – S. Recca

Nothing to report.

Art – J. Moore

The next showing in the conference room will feature Summer Reading Program art.

Technology – E. Carlstrom

Nothing to report.

POLICY REVIEW

The board read aloud section 4.05 regarding Executive Sessions, which includes changes suggested by Steve Recca based on new language in ORS.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

There was some discussion about the library and/or the board making a memorial donation for Director Colin R.’s father.

Laura thanked all the board members for being such fabulous volunteers and distributed a thank you bag to each.

Erik says lice are making the rounds in Fern Ridge.

Jennifer has an author event forthcoming for her new book.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

SRP updates.

Chair Erik Carlstrom adjourned the meeting at 7:37pm.

Respectfully,
Colin Rea, Library Director