

MINUTES

The **Rogers Library Board of Trustees** met for a regular session **Glutzbecker Conference Room** 711 S Dixieland Rd / Rogers, AR 72758 on November 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by .

ROLL CALL:

Board Trustees Present: Richard Bland, Stephen Hardin, Cindy Holmer, Caroline Smith, Brice Wagner, Debbie Woehr

Not Present: Judy Tobler

RPL Staff Present: Sami Espenschied, Hannah Norris Milligan, Joy Poynor

City Hall Staff Present: Bailey Crossett

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Approve minutes from the October 18, 2002 meeting.
Motion by Cindy Holmer, second by Stephen Hardin to Approve the minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting.
Approved unanimously.

FOUNDATION BOARD:

- Top Chef Event Follow-up
 - Brice Wagner had a good time at the recent Top Chef event; and Cindy Holmer agreed that she too had a great time.
 - Hannah Norris Milligan noted that Chef Zack Young won Most Popular.
- Credit Card Fees at RPL
 - Hannah Norris Milligan reported that at their last meeting the Foundation voted to cover all patron credit card fees (on the new system).
 - Sr. Staff Attorney John Pesek approved pending City Council's approval. Bailey Crossett will check, but the approval by City Council may get moved out by one more meeting.
 - City Finance department is working out the details of the backside.
 - The RPL Foundation did not want the new fees to discourage the use of credit or debit cards at the library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Still need more volunteers at the Friendly Bookstore.

- Bookstore Assistant Sam Farnsworth told Hannah that they will be open from 10am-4pm in January on Tuesdays through Saturdays; but are closed November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving. They will be open on November 26 for families.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Book Fund account is down to only Visa card shopping due to it being year-end.
- Natural Gas looks good.
- Brice Wagner asked if our Lost Books process is any different.
- Steve Hardin asked if we have an ETA for the mileage with property taxes.
 - Hannah Norris Milligan replied they should stay the same, but she will confirm and noted that the Jonesboro (AR) Public Library had their mileage cut 50% by their citizens.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Programming attendance is improving. We want to see more.
- Last month was Hispanic Heritage Month. This month is Native American Month.
- The attendance for the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at RPL was lower than expected-possibly due to the Community Showcase event at the Frisco Mall highlighting Hispanic Heritage month performers.
- We now have multiple Reference Librarians, versus only one librarian, working on Adult Programming. This has brought us new networks to utilize.
- Multicultural Librarian Rosa Guevara will be back in the library soon to restart our Multicultural programming.
- Brice Wagner asked if Adult Services is only in person (no more Zoom/virtual).
 - Hannah Norris Milligan reported that patrons seem to want to come in person if we're offering it.
 - We still offer curbside pick-up even though it is not used as much.
 - We will re-evaluating what reporting because Zoom offers are down.
 - Young Adult in-person programming has picked up.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Hannah was on *Good Day NWA* representing Top Chef.
- The new HVAC system seems to be working.
- Hannah met with Children's Director Kristin Jones and Assist Children's Director Emily Snodgrass regarding their request to purchase more Braille books. We discussed how to market

the materials. Examples were discussed.

- Children's Director Kristin Jones has been learning sign language to incorporate new year. Hannah noted that Kristin reached out to federal associates for vendors. Braille is expensive.

Budget FY 2023

Was approved yesterday.

- Requested more funding for Adult and Children's Programming.
- Requested less overall as she did not have any Category B items for 2023 like we did this year...new furniture.
- Requested Podcasting equipment.

New Book Challenge

- Yesterday, Hannah received another book challenge. This is from a different patron for a different book.
- Title of the book is *I am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings. The book was purchased for the collection in 2014.
- Our only copy is currently checked out.
- Challenge committee formed comprised of different librarians than the last book challenge. Committee will be Hannah Norris Milligan, Joy Poynor, Kristin Jones, and 3 new librarians.
- A review should be completed within the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

Brice Wagner congratulated Sami Espenschied for becoming an editor for *Arkansas Libraries*, a publication for the Arkansas Library Association.

1. Motion and vote to adjourn.

Motion by Steve Hardin, second by Cindy Holmer to not have a December meeting. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Richard Bland, second by Caroline Smith to Adjourn. Approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Charles D. Rucker
Secretary

APPROVED:

Stephen Hark
Chairman acting