

MINUTES

The **Rogers Library Board of Trustees** met for a regular session RPL Community Room on October 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by .

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Brice Wagner.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present: Richard Bland, Cindy Holmer, Caroline Smith, Giuliana Tartarini-Fields, Judy Tobler, & Brice Wagner

Board Members Not Present: Stephen Hardin

RPL Staff Present: Hannah Norris Milligan & Sami Espenschied

City Hall Staff Present: Jennifer Moore

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resignation of Board President Giuliana Tartarini-Fields. Giuliana expressed her love of being on the Board and heartbreak that due to their new home's location outside the city limits of Rogers, AR, which required her to resign. Giuliana will continue to volunteer at RPL when possible.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Approve 9/21/21 Meeting Minutes.

FOUNDATION BOARD:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Top Chef event has been postponed until 2022 due to COVID concerns.
- Grant approved for new projector systems in the Friends of RPL Community Room and the Children's Storytime Room.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- They are locating a new building for the Friendly Bookstore due to rent increase and repairs not being started or completed.
- Brice Wagner asked how much square footage that they are seeking and noted that they definitely need a lot more space.
- They are still struggling with customers respecting their mandatory mask wearing.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

No callouts or questions.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Multicultural Librarian Tatiana Morales and Reference Librarian Susan Barnhart designed and held two job fair programs: one in English and one in Spanish. Giuliana Tartarini-Fields assisted with the Spanish program.
- See email letter on page 40.
- Children's was successful in virtual and in-person programming.
- Young Adults (Teens) is trying to get more teens involved. YA Librarian Evan Day went to Rogers High School today to speak to students.
- Adult programming will be hosting our monthly Lunch & Learn (2nd Tuesday of the month from Sept.-May).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Joy Poynor was hired as our Assistant Director.
- Worked on ARPA Grants all month.
- Working on second ARPA Grant to have the parking lot resealed and bathroom fixtures updated.
- Open position, Library Assistant III - 40HR Circulation, interviews next week.
 - Brice Wagner asked if this position requires a degree.
 - Hannah Norris Milligan replied that it does not.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Board of Trustees Training on CivicClerk
City Records Administrator Jennifer Moore presented training to the Board on the CivicClerk Board Portal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hannah Norris Milligan will send Mayor Hines a letter with the RPL Board of Trustees requirements in order to backfill Giuliana Tartarini-Fields' now open position.

1. None.

ADJOURN:

ATTEST:

Carolyn D. Arnold
Secretary

APPROVED:

Eric R. Wagner
Chairman