

MINUTES

The **Rogers Library Board of Trustees** met for a regular session 711 S. Dixieland Rd. / Rogers, AR Glotzbecker Conference Room on March 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by .

ROLL CALL:

1. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Richard Bland, Judy Tobler, Brice Wagner, Debbie Woehr

Trustees Not Present: Stephen Hardin, Cindy Holmer, Caroline Smith, Joy Poynor

RPL Staff Present: Sami Espenschied, Hannah Norris Milligan

City Staff Present: Bailey Crossett

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Approve Minutes from the February 21, 2023, meeting.

Motion by Richard Bland to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023 meeting.

Second by Debbie Woehr.

Approved unanimously.

FOUNDATION BOARD:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Top Chef event was discussed.
- "We Write for You" event had over 200 attendees.
 - They will sponsor this event again next year, but may need a new space depending upon the authors.
- Optimist Club meeting was attended by RPLF Executive Director Brenda Majors and RPL Director Hannah Norris Milligan who each spoke about RPL to the group.
- RPL Trustee Judy Tobler is scheduled to attend the next RPLF meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Brice Wagner shared that he recently went into The Friendly Bookstore with a friend to donate books. Loves the new place.
- Volunteer Bookstore Manager Melanie Botts is moving out of state; therefore, the position is now open.

- Grant approved for the Books and Brews Book Club for 2023.
 - Hannah Norris Milligan explained that after the monthly book club meeting, the books are placed in a bag and cataloged for patron checkout to host their own book clubs.
 - Books and Brews meets on the 1st Monday of the month at the Ozark Brewing Company (OBC) in downtown Rogers.
 - The club survived the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to meet virtually.
 - Other co-sponsored events at OBC were: (1) ABCs at OBC which was an adult spelling bee sponsored by RPL, RPLF, and OBC; and, (2) Book fair sponsored by RPL, Friends of RPL, and OBC.
- The Friends' website was recently revamped. (<https://www.friendlybookstore.org/>)
 - They are dealing with some building issues.
 - Still promoting their existence (in the new location).
 - Brice Wagner recommended advertising on KURM radio and/or in the residential utilities invoices.
 - Others suggested the Town Cryer or Welcome Wagon.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- In January, Hannah had many departmental meetings on their budgets.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Judy Tobler noted that everything appeared to be up.
- Hannah stated that participation and usage are up.
- Joy Poyner had a meeting on Summer Reading Club (SRC) for adult programming ideas.
 - The SRC 2023 theme is "All Together Now".
 - Rosa Guevara will have a multicultural program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Reported by Hannah Norris Milligan.

- Has been working on the annual State report.
- SB81: Hannah will cover this topic more at a later time if it passes. The Board briefly discussed.
- Gas pipeline: no more updates.
- New Room Reservations software is an online/digital program.
 - We created 5 "rooms" in the software for scheduling: 3 study rooms, the Glotzbecker Conference Room, and the Community Room.
 - With the Foundation grant for digital signage, we will have (electronic) tablets in front of each room's door for online sign in.

- Staff Changes

- Emily Smith of the Reference department resigned.
- Linda Jefferson of the Circulation department accepted the lateral move to Reference to take Emily's place.
- This now leaves a 24HR/Wk Library Assistant II position open in Circulation.
- On April 1, Ashley Kochan of the Children's Library will have her last day. This will open up a 29HR/Wk Library Assistant II position in Children's.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

1. Adjourn meeting.
Motion by Richard Bland to adjourn.
Second by Judy Tobler.
Approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Carol D. Bunt
Secretary

4/18/23

APPROVED:

Brice R. Wagner
Chairman

4/18/23