

Meeting of Library Board
Monday, June 6, 2016
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Muehl Public Library

Members Present: Elizabeth Timmins, Cathy Rydzewski , Jason Finn, Patti Lardinois, Ann Huettl-Samson

Absent: Amy Mueller, Sandy Kailhofer, Sandy Heiden

Call to Order Meeting began at 5:30

- Meet the staff
 - Jill Mahlik – Jill thanked the board for their representation. For advocating for the library and for making policies.
 - She explained that she previously worked for the library from 1987-91. There have been huge changes in library work since then!
 - Her training as a teacher comes to bear because we do a lot of teaching at the library.
 - Assignments: non-fiction collection development; care and keeping of patron records; knowledgeable about the community—keeps ET in the loop!

Reports

- Minutes from May 2016 meeting
- Cathy R. motioned acceptance; Patti L. seconded; motion carried

Director's Report May 2016

- Cathy R. says she is surprised by all of the variety.
- Elizabeth stated that that is what she enjoys!

Financial Report

- May 2016 financial report
- Jason F. motioned acceptance; Cathy R. seconded; motion carried.

Activities Report May 2016

- Accepted as presented, ET pointed out she is watching SAM and wireless numbers to think about possibly reworking the technology replacement plan.

Unfinished Business

- Report on Reading & Writing morning held on May 21. Outstanding!
 - Thoughts are to make this an annual event in conjunction with Rummage Sale weekend, brilliant!
 - Connections were made with local writers and authors. We can have future opportunities with the same individuals and others, yay!
- The plan for Pete the Cat

- We will have the costume on site—available to us when we need it and also available to “rent” to other libraries/children’s librarians for \$20 to recoup our cost
- This character is a classic who will not go out of style!
- Report on school visits
 - 6th Grade came last Thursday.
 - 4th Graders came on Friday, today, and will be here tomorrow.
 - So fun, kids learning that the library is a rich, vibrant, enjoyable space.
- Preliminary outlook on maker space initiative
 - Elizabeth showed a plan of how extra space could be created and used for community projects/student projects/scout projects/UW-extension projects, etc. This would mean expansion of our abilities as a learning center.

New Business

- Ollie Lerum birthday party, June 12.
 - He put his own ad in the paper.
 - He will be 91!
 - Activity is here at the library on afternoon of June 12. All welcome!
 - Elizabeth pleased to give back. Ollie introduced himself to her, as a local author, when she first started working here.
- Deposit from Brown County Library
 - A check in the amount of \$5598.00 was received for years 2015 and 2016.
 - 2015 reimbursement based on 2013 numbers
 - 2016 reimbursement based on 2014 numbers
 - Deposit was made with city but is not to be touched as we determine if we will owe anything back to Brown County in the future.
- Summer reading activities on horizon
 - Everything kicks off on June 13.
 - All events are listed on the library website calendar.
- Adult reading list for 2016-17 chosen
 - The reading list was distributed
- Passage of Collection Agency Motion, please read ahead of the meeting:
<https://onedrive.live.com/redirect?resid=350531E1AE294DAD!5360&authkey=!AN5vJOzeaDLL0II&ithint=file%2cdocx>
 - Cathy R. made the following motion:
Resolved: In order to allow OWLSnet consortium libraries to be good stewards of public funds and to facilitate the smooth functioning of the consortium,

The Muehl Public Library authorizes OWLSnet libraries to refer patron accounts to collection when there are overdue materials either:

- a) Owned by the Muehl Public Library or
- b) Checked out at the Muehl Public Library.

Furthermore, the Muehl Public Library Board authorizes the Muehl Public Library to refer to a collection agency patrons registered with the Muehl Public Library who have a billed item and owe more than \$50.

- Jason F. seconded and the motion carried.
- Continuing Education: “Inclusivity in any library”
<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2016/05/31/inclusivity-accessibility-in-any-library/>
- This is a value for us and all public libraries.

Any additional business that might be brought before the board:

Jason F. made a motion to adjourn

Cathy R. seconded the motion

Motion carried at 6:15 PM

Next Meeting, Monday, August 1, 2016, 5:30 PM at Muehl Public Library

*Notes respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Timmins