

Tillamook County Library Board Minutes
February 17, 2022; 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Board Members Present:

Betsy Chase, Sayde Walker, Tim Josi, Jon Orloff (joined at 12:20 p.m.), Teresa Rivenes, Madeline Olson, Jennifer Byrne

Staff and Others Present:

Geri Godber, Mary Faith Bell, Kristi Hanson, Lissa Glidewell

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Sayde Walker at 12:06 p.m.

Public Input

None

Approval of January 2022 Minutes and Budget:

Tim Josi moved that the minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting of the Tillamook County Library Advisory Board be approved. Betsy Chase seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Betsy Chase moved that the budget and financial reports for January 2022 be approved as presented. Jennifer Byrne seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Director's Report:

- Library Director Godber noted that the Library has partnered with the Tillamook County Health Department to hand out at-home COVID tests.
- The seed program was highlighted. Board Chair Sayde Walker said the seed distribution this year was the most organized it has ever been. A huge KUDOS to Library Branch Manager Hanson for making this event a great one!
- There was discussion regarding the three new databases being added to the library's roster.
- Betsy Chase pointed out the statistical report in the board packet read November 2021. Library Director Godber will update the report.
- Library Director Godber informed the group that staff from TPUD will be coming to Main to begin the process of switching the lights at Main to LED. While there is an expense upfront, in the end it could be a cost savings for the library.

Update from Penny Hummel

Library Director Godber gave the update from Penny Hummel:

- The TCL FAQs is ready to go and on the website.
- The Levy FAQs is being reviewed by the Secretary of State's Office. Once approved, it will be added to the website.
- The Staff Communications Committee continues to meet monthly to review materials with Penny and provide their feedback.
- Library Director Godber is scheduled to present at community groups. She has already booked several across the county. Board members can join these presentations and were encouraged to do so, particularly if they have a connection to a specific group or organization.
- Penny Hummel will be at the March 2022 board meeting to give a presentation on how library staff can communicate about the upcoming levy.

New Business Items:

Update from Bylaw Review Committee

- Geri provided the Bylaw Review Committee with several examples of other bylaws to consider including: Friends of the Ashland Public Library, Coos Library Board, Multnomah County Library District Advisory Board.
- Jennifer has incorporated suggestions/agreements from the January 20 board meeting discussion to the existing by-laws.
- Due to vacations of Geri and Betsy, they have not yet met to determine if one of the examples could be adapted to better meet the needs of the TCL Board, and if so, to prepare a recommendation back to the Board for consideration. They are aiming to have a recommendation in place at the March meeting.

Additional Board Agenda Item: Board Development – PLA 2022

An additional agenda item was added at the request of Betsy Chase to discuss future board development opportunities.

- The Public Library Association (PLA) Conference is March 23 – 25, 2022. Library Director Godber will send the PLA schedule to the board. She is sending staff members this year instead of attending herself. There was discussion about the possibility of the library budget paying for a board member to attend. Commissioner Bell and Director Godber agreed to discuss that and let the board know. Board members also have the ability to pay for the conference themselves if they so choose. Madeline Olson expressed her interest in attending on behalf of the library board.
- Betsy Chase mentioned that on a national level there are book challenges going on. She said it is important for the Board members to be knowledgeable, and as such she recommended board members attend the PLA conference if they are able.
- Library Director Godber explained the procedure if there are any book complaints at TCL. A Collection Development Policy is in place. Library Director Godber will send a copy of the policy to Board members.
- Betsy Chase suggested adding time for board development on a regular basis at board meetings. Betsy Chase and Teresa Rivenes will research potential other methods of board development for future endeavors.

Book Discussion of “A Brief History of Fear and Intolerance in Tillamook County”

The Board had a robust discussion about the book “A Brief History of Fear and Intolerance in Tillamook County” and why it is important to know our local history.

Tillamook Bay Community College is working to schedule a visit with the author and will keep the LB informed so they can attend if they wish.

Other Business:

Tillamook County Library Foundation Update: Jon Orloff

Board member Jon Orloff attended the TCLF meeting in February.

- He received a binder about the Foundation and a book on non-profit governance.
- The Foundation Park is coming along. The renderings for the stage area were approved.
- There was a presentation about the Foundation’s investments. There is concern about inflation, so the portfolio was updated.

Commissioner’s Update: Commissioner Bell

The Tillamook County Commissioners held the annual performance review for Library Director Godber. Commissioner Bell expressed that it went well and that they are extremely pleased with her performance as the director. They thanked her for her leadership and appreciate her work this past year.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Completed on February 23, 2022 by Geri Godber.